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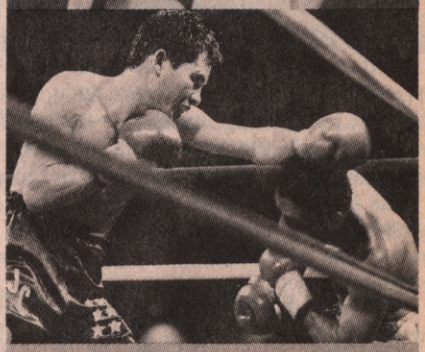

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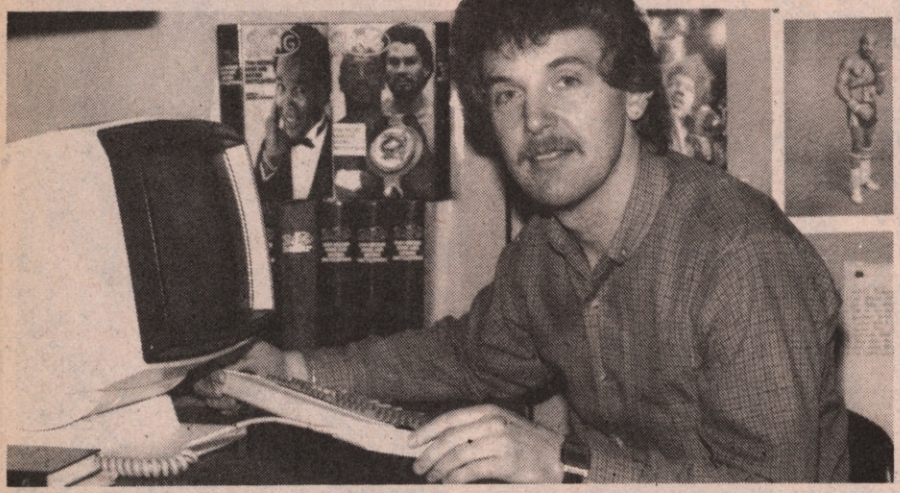

The news out of the WBA convention in Costa Rica is disheartening to say the least. The oldest surviving member of the Alphabet Boys has decided to join the WBC in restricting its world title bouts to 12 rounds. This latest slap in the face of boxing tradition saddens *The Ring* and the majority of boxing fans around the globe.

The 15-round distance didn't just become the ultimate test of champions during the modern era by accident. Fifteen rounds is just right for a genuine world title fight — not so long as to make the course ridiculously dangerous, but long enough to make it something special.

The truncation of championship bouts goes hand in hand with split titles and splintered weight classes. It's all part and parcel of the overall erosion of boxing's heritage. The Alphabet Boys are gradually chipping away at everything which makes boxing great.

The WBC and WBA's contention that 12 rounds is safer is poppycock. Jeez, next thing you know, only body shots will be allowed and knockouts will be outlawed.

Sure, some boxers are not fit to go 15 rounds, but they shouldn't be fighting for world championships.

Some of our readers have asked us not to recognize matches scheduled for less than 15 rounds as world title bouts. While we agree with the spirit of such suggestions, it would be unwise to take such action. If a champion is beaten fair and square fighting within his division's weight range, the title should change hands.

We have a better idea. Why not write to the Alphabet Boys at the addresses listed below and tell 'em how you feel about this and other issues? If you don't have time to write, just tear out (or photo copy) this page, sign your name next to mine at the bottom of the page and mail it to the WBC and WBA.

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Come Out Writing

READERS DIFFER ON HEARNS VICTORY

Thomas Hearns has just won his fourth world title by knocking out Juan Roldan and I would like to congratulate the "Hit Man" for his incredible accomplishment. Tommy has had an outstanding career and is truly a superstar. Though he'll continue to win no matter who he fights, I hope he stays as a middleweight because there are some attractive names around. But there is still one thing Tommy has to do, and that is to defeat Marvin Hagler or Ray Leonard. Come on, Ray and Marvin, stop ducking the "Hit Man." Get back in the ring and give him a second chance.

JOE DOWD
West Springfield, MA

Tommy Hearns beating up inferior and disputed title claimants and then boasting that he is a four-title champion is like a wimpy bartender pushing the last four drunks out the door and boasting that he "can lick any man in the house." To just technically qualify means nothing. A real champion is one who has proved himself the best fighter in the world. Hearns has not accomplished this feat in a single weight class, let alone four.

JOHN MANCO
Chicago, IL

IN ONE EAR AND OUT THE OTHER

I loved the speech Mr. Joseph D'O'Brian gave the annual NABF meeting ("At Large Among The Alphabet Boys," *The Ring*, November '87). Jose Sulaiman seemed to enjoy it, too. Only one problem; the speech went in one ear and out the other. According to the article, Mr. Sulaiman agreed with Mr. D'O'Brian that there are too many champions. Yet in today's paper (10/19/87), I read that Hiroki Ioka won the WBC strawweight title. What is this? Boxing's answer to midget wrestling? Enough is enough! I love the sport, but it really hurts to see it cheapened by another weight division. Maybe the super heavyweight class is next? Then has-beens like Greg Page and John Tate can fight for another phony title. Whoops! I better shut up before I give the Alphabet Boys any more ideas.

RUPERT HEINEL
Ocean City, NJ

THE CASE FOR AZUMAH NELSON

I read with interest the July '87 issue of *The Ring*, particularly the article entitled "A Return To Sanity." Like you, I also feel that far too many divisions, champions, etc. have been created thereby devaluing a "world" title even if the holder is worthy. You also proceed to tell us who, in your opinion, are the "real" champions in each division, explaining the rationale behind your thinking.

But therein lies at least one problem; some boxers will probably never be able to battle for *The Ring* title even if they are undeniably the best in the world. I write with some feeling on this as our Azumah Nelson is in just such a situation. Barry McGuigan was scared to death of him and spent much of his energy avoiding a fight with Nelson. To date, I have heard no serious talk of Antonio Esparragoza "defending" against Nelson. What does *The Ring* have power to do in such circumstances, having recognized your own champions? Or do you just turn a blind eye to the situation while insisting that Esparragoza is the "real" champ? Should that turn out to be the case, then the validity of *The Ring's* championships could be equated to those of the Alphabet Boys.

NII OKAI EVANS-ANFOM
Accra, Ghana

Editor's Note: I understand your frustration concerning Azumah Nelson. While he has a strong claim as the best active featherweight in the world, Nelson has yet to win the "genuine" world title. For *The Ring* to strip Esparragoza would be arbitrary and only add to the confused situation boxing finds itself in. Throughout boxing history, there have been many great talents who, for one reason or another, have never fought for a world championship. To date, Nelson is one of them. *The Ring* cannot force boxers to fight one another. All we can do is fan the flames for matches we'd like to see. And Esparragoza-Nelson is certainly one of them.

WAS HE OR WASN'T HE?

In your article "The Ring Rates The Heavyweight Champions" (August '87) you do not list Tim Witherspoon as one of your official champions. Yet in the issue of *The Ring* that covered the Witherspoon-Tony Tubbs fight, in which Tim won the WBA heavyweight title, your magazine stated that Tim Witherspoon became the third man to regain the heavyweight title, listing him with Patterson and Ali. Please explain.

ROBERT HAYNES JR.
Denver, CO

Eidtor's Note: *The Ring's* position was stated in the article you mentioned. Maybe this quote will refresh your memory: "However, it should be pointed out that the other two, Floyd Patterson and Muhammad Ali, were undisputed champions, while Tim has, so far, only been able to garner a third of the championship pie."

OLIVERA PICKS UP THE GAUNTLET

I just read your article in the December '87 issue of *The Ring* "In Search Of A Lightweight Champion." Well, let me tell you my opinion: Give me 10 days to get ready for either the WBC, WBA or IBF champion (or any of the top five contenders) and I'll kick his ass and make him look real bad.

Peace, love and happiness.

JOEY "PASADENA KID" OLIVERA
Pasadena, CA

P.S.—I want you too, "Sweet Pea" Whitaker.

Round One

By Phill Marder

FAREWELL TO LADY IN RED

Boxing lost a dear friend with the November passing of California promoter **Aileen Eaton**, the fight game's "Lady in Red."

Jim Murray, the great sports columnist for the *Los Angeles Times*, wrote of Eaton, "Aileen brought a touch of mink to boxing. She wasn't crinoline and old lace but neither was she arsenic and old lace. She never showed up at ringside in jeans and a sweatshirt. She didn't chew tobacco or smoke cigars or spit out of the sides of her mouth. She wore gowns and jewelry and perfume on fight night. She couldn't have been more dressed up at the opera."

But looks can be deceiving. Eaton survived 50 years as promoter at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles and also served on the California state athletic commission, and Murray added, "Her hair was red and she had the temper to go with it ... Red-haired, blue-eyed, pound for pound she was as tough as any welterweight who ever came down the aisle." Fight manager Willie Ketchum added, "If she'd been a man, she'd of been Fritzie Zivic."

Eaton's first husband, Martin LeBell, died in 1941 and eventually Eaton took a job as a secretary at the Olympic, which brought her into contact with boxing, a sport she knew little about. But Eaton learned quickly and soon teamed with Alvah "Cal" Eaton, who became her second husband, to run weekly boxing cards. For big shows, Eaton used the Coliseum and Dodger Stadium.

Though ill for some time, Eaton continued to play an active role in boxing until her three-year term on the state commission expired in 1985. She was 78 when she passed away.

Wrote Murray, "The first fight she ever saw, she promoted. She was so green that when someone asked her what she did for a living, she said brightly, 'I fix fights.'"

She did a great job of it, too.

AND FAREWELL TO ANOTHER LADY?

Washington, D.C., that fistic hotbed, was the center of a recent controversy when **Cora Wilds** resigned her position as D.C. Boxing Commission Chairman.

The Washington Post reported the 42-year-old Wilds billed the city for approximately $3,000 in travel expenses that the IBF/USBA had also reimbursed her for. Also, the Post reported that a treasurer for the WBC had stated he was "90 percent sure" his group had footed most of Wilds' expenses for meetings in Bangkok, Aruba and Montreal. Wilds reportedly also received reimbursement from the city to the tune of about $6,300 for those jaunts.

Allegedly, Wilds, after being questioned by the Post, quickly Federal Expressed $2,745 to the IBF in an apparent effort to clear herself. Sort of like mailing the payment three days after the car's been repossessed.

Wilds had been gaining a reputation as a force on the international boxing scene, largely through her travels. Just what good trips to Bangkok did the nation's capital is up for speculation. But, in defense of Wilds, we hear D.C. boxing buffs are just bonkers about those strawweights.

KNOCK ME OUT

Ever since I was a kid, I've searched for a boxing game that was fun to play. By jove, I think I've found one.

Allow me to introduce "VCR Top Rank Boxing."

Combining a board game with scenes from famous fights narrated by **Al Bernstein** and **Jake LaMotta**, Video Cassette Games, Inc. has produced a game that is easy to learn, easy to play and fun for everyone, even those who are not interested in boxing. The first time I tried the game, I was knocked out in the fifth round. But once I recovered, I was ready to play again. And there was no commission around to make me wait 30 or 60 days.

If you've been looking for the "right" boxing game, don't hesitate. But remember, you need a VCR to play.

CLASSEN SETTLEMENT

In 1979, **Willie Classen** died five days after being knocked out in a Madison Square Garden Felt Forum bout. Recently, Classen's widow, Marilyn, reached a six-figure, out-of-court settlement with two ringside

Former WBA lightweight champ Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini and actress Heather Thomas play tug of war with Top Rank's new boxing video game. See "Knock Me Out" for revue.

Round One

physicians who handled the fight.

The Garden was cleared because it had placed oxygen tanks and a stretcher near the ring. At the time, that was all that was required by the state athletic commission. The doctors, however, could be liable for medical malpractice, according to Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Helen Freedman. The doctors examined Classen after the ninth round, then permitted him to go out for the fatal 10th.

Freedman said Classen "knew or should have known of the risks of injury inherent in the sport of professional boxing." But, the judge added that Classen could not be expected to assume "the risk of injury from negligent medical care."

Robert W. Lee (center), president of the International Boxing Federation, proudly displays his New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame plaque while former middleweight champions Joey Giardello (left) and Emile Griffith have some playful moments. Lee, Giardello and Griffith all were inducted into the Jersey Hall in ceremonies Nov. 13 in Garfield, N.J.

BAD NEWS

Boxers Against Drugs (BAD) has adopted **Joey Torres** as a living example of what drugs can do to a promising career, and Torres is behind the group 100 percent.

Around nine years ago, Torres, then just a teenager, was considered a bright prospect. High on cocaine, he murdered his manager. He's been in jail since.

"I don't want anything for myself," Torres said in a phone call to *The Ring*. "I just feel that I want to do something positive with my life. Drugs messed me up. Maybe I can prevent someone else from making the same mistakes I did."

Torres said he will do everything he can to promote the efforts of the San Diego-based non-profit organization.

ROSIN DUST

Ever the gallant warrior, **Matthew Saad Muhammad** shared credit for aiding in the rescue of several children and their parents in an Atlantic City fire ... Former world heavyweight champ **Floyd Patterson** has been seen promoting the sale of Jimmy Cagney dolls! Why? Profits from sale of the dolls go to Patterson's Huguenots Boys Club in New Paltz, N.Y.... **James Pritchard**, Kentucky heavyweight who suffered his first loss when stopped by **Mike Weaver** in August, split with trainer **James Doolin** and will resume conditioning under the eye of **Jimmy Ellis** ... FNN: Score, a service of the Financial News Network, is televising more title fights than any other television outlet going. If your cable system doesn't carry FNN: Score, call and request it. But only if the network ceases to pre-empt fights for basketball games as it recently did with **Virgil Hill's** 12-round win over **Rufino Angulo** ... Also on the television front, ESPN signed veteran **Don Chevrier** as its boxing blow-by-blow commentator. Chevrier comes across pleasantly and seems to work well with analysts **Al Bernstein** and **Dave Bontempo** ... Tropical Park Boxing honored **Lou Zipkin**, *The Ring's* Florida correspondent, and **Al Ridgeway** for long years of dedication to the sport.

California promoter Aileen Eaton recently passed away at age 78.

PUNCH LINES

After the fifth round of his fight with **Mike Tyson, Pinklon Thomas** received a reprieve when his damaged right glove had to be replaced. However, Thomas was knocked out in the next round.

Explaining the turn of events, Thomas stated, "Changing gloves took away my monotony."

That's easy for him to say.

By now, we all know how **Jim Jacobs** and **Bill Cayton** feel about **Butch Lewis**, and vice versa. And, we all know how Lewis, Jacobs and Cayton feel about **Don King**. But what about how **Michael Spinks** feels about King?

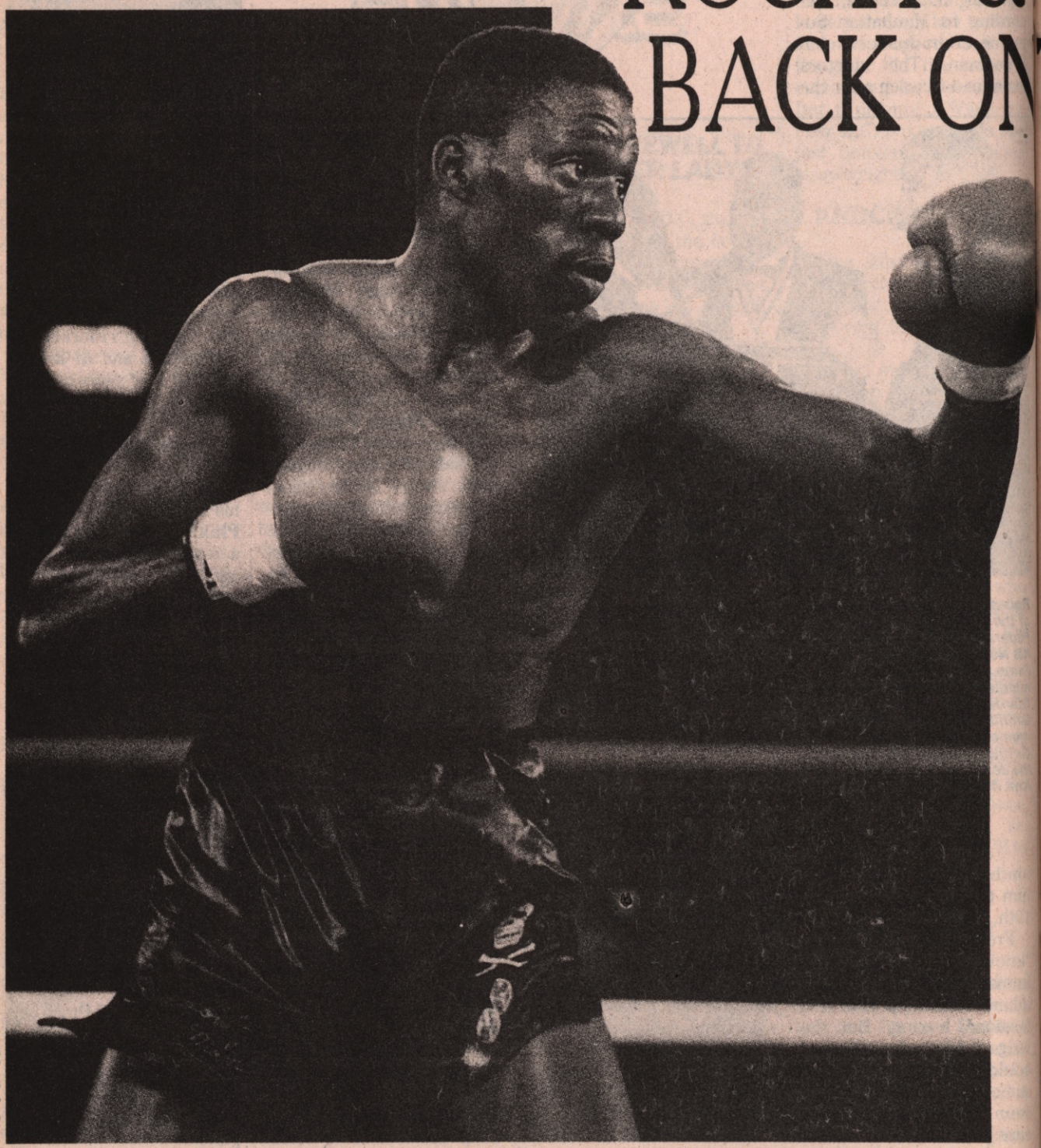
Said Spinks, "I don't like Don King, I don't trust Don King, I don't need Don King. I want nothing to do with Don King."

Next time, we want a straightforward answer, champ. Stop pulling your punches. □

Just as Sweet
The Second Time Around
For Mayweather & Lockridge

ROCKY & BACK ON

The "Black Mamba" strikes. Roger Mayweather has had his share of ups and downs, but his great punching power has kept his career alive and currently has him atop the WBC super lightweight division.



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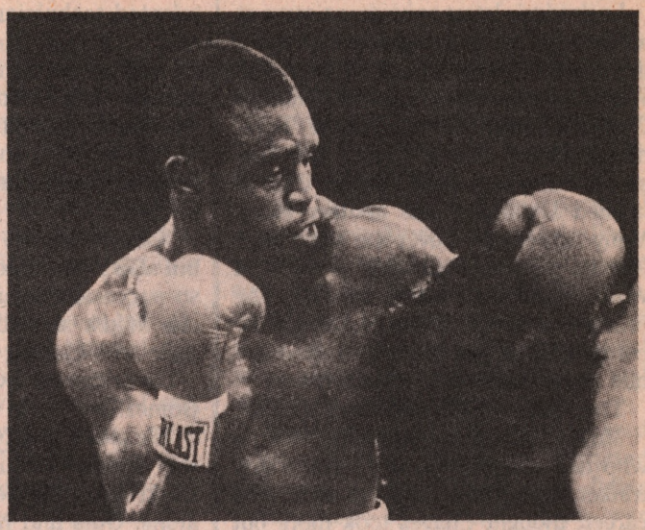
ROGER TOP OF THE ROLLER COASTER

by Nigel Collins



IN THE OLD DAYS WHEN FIGHTERS fought at least once a month, a loss was no big deal. You'd lose a fight and then get right back in there as soon as possible ... which was often the next week and frequently against the same guy who beat you up the week before. Undefeated was nice, but not a prerequisite for having a career.

But alas, things have changed. Today, a prospect loses his unbeaten tag and forget TV. You might never hear from him again.

However, this isn't going to be another lament for days gone by. Rather, it's an example of how a boxer(s) can overcome a series of losses in today's market — even in important fights — and still have a decent career.

Just look at our old buddies Rocky Lockridge and Roger Mayweather. It seems both have been around forever. Even though Lockridge only turned pro in 1978 and Mayweather took the plunge three years later, they've been headliners for some time.

Severe cynics figured Rocky was washed up in 1983 when Eusebio Pedroza beat him for the second time. And Roger has been on the wrong end of enough spectacular knockouts to make you wonder if the "Black Mamba" has been sampling some of his own venom between bouts.

But look at them now!

Lockridge and Mayweather are suddenly basking in the glow of world titles again after a number of years out in the cold. Sure, the fact that there's about a zillion "world" titles to go around these days helps, but there's more to it than that. Like attitude. Both men continued to believe in themselves after crushing defeats, picked up the pieces and kept on plying their trade like nothing had happened. In other words, they acted

IBF junior lightweight boss Rocky Lockridge (above) displays the busy style which has kept him in the headlines for most of his pro career. A dedicated craftsman, Lockridge wants to unify the 130-pound crown before he hangs up his gloves.

like professionals.

Lockridge's latest resurgence came at a time when most thought he was winding down. Though Rocky's loss of the WBA junior lightweight title to Wilfredo Gomez is firmly enshrined in the "Bummer Decision Hall of Fame," the one-sided thrashing Julio Cesar Chavez handed Lockridge was another story. Many fighters are never the same after Chavez gets finished with them. And while Lockridge came through the ordeal in relatively decent shape, the uncompromising loss seemed to eliminate him from serious title consideration.

Then came the IBF and Barry Michael.

Maybe Michael, an Australian veteran who had snagged the IBF's 130-pound trinket during the tail end of a long career, thought Chavez took more out of Lockridge than he did. Whatever, Lockridge was imported to England as challenger. Michael had his eye on a big money fight with Barry McGuigan and Rocky was looked upon as the perfect "name" to introduce Michael to the American TV audience.

The only problem Lockridge encountered came before the fight. First, there was a bomb threat at the arena.

"I really don't know for sure, but I think it was just a plot to make me lose my concentration," said Lockridge from the safety of his home in Mount Laurel, New Jersey. "Basically, I think it was an attempt to throw me off because everybody vacated (the building) except for Barry Michael."

Michael also showed up in the ring with his hair dyed white, a la Jacko, the wacky "Energizer" guy from the TV commercial. Neither scare nor shock worked. Instead, Lockridge worked over Michael in his usual methodical fashion, forcing Barry to quit in his corner. Last we heard, he'd gone back Down Under to try his luck at promoting.

Lockridge was recently asked what he thought was the secret of his resiliency, his ability to shrug off defeat and stay competitive with the best around.

"More than anything, I enjoy what I'm doing," said Lockridge. "Also, conditioning. I always like to have the physical edge. Feeling good and enjoying what I'm doing has always been an advantage for me."

Lockridge also has the advantage of the experience gained in bouts with some of the best little men of the past few decades. Several — Pedroza, Chavez and Gomez — could be considered greats.

"I consider Pedroza one of the most talented technicians in the business," said Lockridge. "He was the most skillful and clever fighter I've ever fought against. I was also very impressed by the way he fought dirty and got away with it. It wasn't so much he knew how to win, it was that he knew how *not* to lose.

"Chavez is also a great technician, but also a thunderous puncher. He was so successful against me because he can adjust and adapt to any kind of style . . . including mine."

Lockridge is even appreciative of Gomez.

"He *was* a great fighter, but that was way before I fought him," admitted Lockridge. "He fought me on heart alone. Guts and heart. And you have to take your hat off to him. He was trying to hang onto his image, his pride."

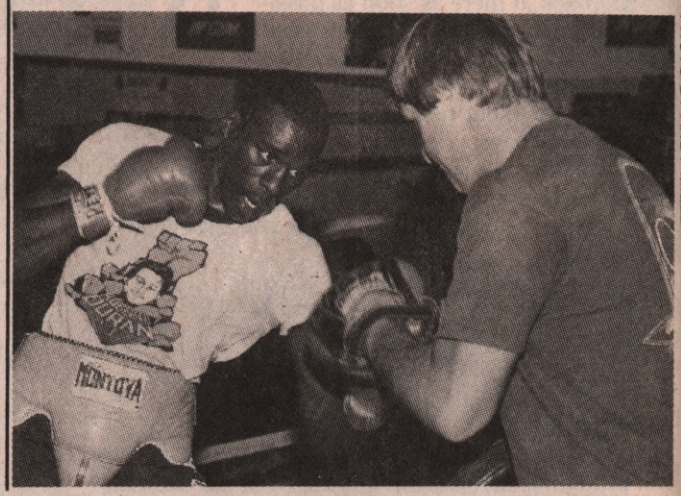


PHOTO BY ANDY MILLER

Mayweather bangs the pads in the gym with trainer Jesse Reid. When he's in tip-top shape, Mayweather is one of the most dangerous fighters in the world.

But you can't live in the past or rest on your laurels. After beating Michael, Lockridge wasted little time racking up his first defense, traveling to Tucson, Arizona to defend against Johnny de la Rosa. Once again, Lockridge prevailed inside the distance, but had to come off the floor to do so (see this month's "Ringside Reports" for full details). Next up could be lethal-punching Harold "The Shadow" Knight, seemingly a much more serious proposition than either Michael or de la Rosa.

"I expect a very tough fight, but I don't think this guy is as capable a fighter on the inside as he is on the outside," claimed Lockridge when asked to evaluate Knight's chances. "I don't expect too much difficulty. But quite naturally, I'm not taking him lightly. I just don't think he'll be able to adjust to my close-up style."

Lockridge, 29, was reminded that between his amateur and professional career he'd been boxing over 20 years and couldn't be expected to go on forever.

"I'm scared to hear that," he replied with an uneasy laugh. "That's a little frightening. But I haven't achieved my mark yet. Ultimately, I'd like to unify the junior lightweight title. I'm good for another three or four years."

Who knows? Maybe he is. He's certainly fooled us before.

If Lockridge has maintained a lengthy career with dedication to conditioning and craft born of a love of the game, Mayweather has stayed at or near the top by virtue of his devastating punch. There's never a dull moment when Mayweather is in the ring. He's one Roger who'll never be nicknamed "The Artful Dodger." It's simply kill or be killed.

Mayweather entering 1988 as a world titleholder has to be considered a minor miracle, even in these days of split titles and multiple weight classes. After capturing the WBA junior lightweight title with a kayo over Samuel Serrano in 1983, Mayweather made two successful defenses and then got himself iced in one round by Lockridge. That was the afternoon Roger entered the ring wearing shades, only to find them completely unnecessary when Rocky rolled his eyeballs back in his head with a whistling overhand right.

A young ex-champ, Mayweather fought his way back into contention. But like Lockridge, he ran into a buzzsaw named Chavez when he tried to regain a piece of the 130-pound pie.

Chavez withstood Mayweather's early bombardment, then poleaxed Roger in the second. It was another uncompromising defeat and Mayweather looked primed for the role as division "stepping stone."

But Mayweather and his manager, professional gambler Bill Baxter, were far from finished.

"When you lose, it's not hard to get people to knock you," said Baxter from his home in Las Vegas. "A lot of people put Roger down. And a lot of people put me down. They'd say stuff like, 'Why you want to be fooling with a guy like that?'

"Well, I'm in the business of evaluating football teams, basketball teams, whatever the sport might be. That's how I make my living. It's the same thing with boxing. You've got to evaluate what you've got. Roger was never really a junior lightweight. We were fighting lightweight, but couldn't get a title fight. At the time, Mancini was champion and he didn't want to know about us. So we dropped down in weight because Don King offered a title fight (with Serrano). So we took it.

"Roger worked real hard, got down to the weight and won the title. But he never really was a junior lightweight. He made the weight, but it was hard for him. And I think that had a lot to do with some of the fights he got stopped in."

However, a move up to the lightweight division wasn't exactly a roaring success. Mayweather won some fights at 135 pounds, but came apart again against unheralded Fred Pendleton, who flattened him inside six rounds before a national television audience.

Undaunted, Mayweather kept going. A new victory streak culminated in the winning of the Continental Americas lightweight crown when Sammy Fuentes went bye-bye in the ninth after sampling an assortment of Roger's bombs. But once again Mayweather fell short when the big test came against Pernell Whitaker, losing a decision in a rough-and-tumble match early in 1987.

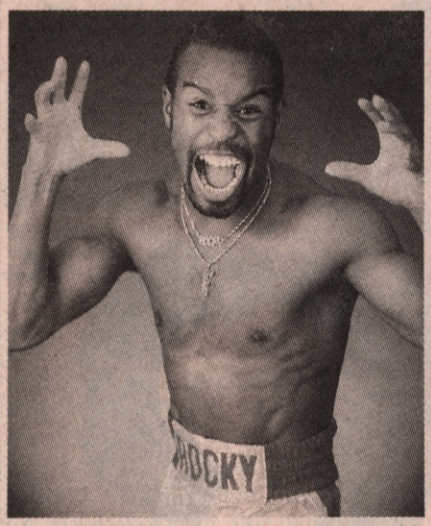
"For the Whitaker fight, he looked great in the gym," Baxter claimed. "But when I say he looked good in the gym, he was boxing at 140-142 pounds. Come fight day he had to make 135 at noon for a mid-afternoon bout."

Still, Baxter refused to give up on the man he'd guided from his pro debut.

"I'm not a quitter and I wanted to walk the last mile with Roger," Baxter said. "I put him in two fights real quick after Whitaker. Roger didn't have his mind on fighting and was thinking about quitting, but I told him we should give it one more try as a junior welter. I made two quick fights and got him two quick wins."

Mayweather agrees it's been fighting weight-weak which has caused his troubles, not a china chin.

"When I lost, I always thought I was better than the guy and there were other reasons I lost," Mayweather told *The Ring* while visiting his family in Detroit over the Thanksgiving weekend. "Lockridge, Chavez, Whitaker ... I lost at the scales. I may not have lasted as long as Lockridge or (Edwin) Rosario against Chavez, but I hurt him more the two rounds I lasted than anyone ever has."



Rocky Lockridge, the consummate professional, provides yet another example of how serious dedication to the sport of boxing can provide lasting success.

The match which put him back in the championship ranks came against Mexican Rene Arredondo in Los Angeles. Mayweather had shown well in L.A., beating a trio of local favorites in Mario Martinez (W10), Oscar Bejines (KO7), and Sergio Zambrano (KO6).

When Arredondo regained the WBC super lightweight title from Tsuyoshi Hamada, California promoter Rudy Robles thought a match with Mayweather was a wonderful idea. Though Mayweather was an established winner in L.A., he'd not looked good enough in previous outings there to give the rejuvenated Arredondo too many sleepless nights. But more importantly, the promoter knew the Mexican and Mexican-American fans would turn out in large numbers to see one of their own avenge the losses of the aforementioned trio.

They turned out, but the large crowd at the Sports Arena were sorely disappointed when Mayweather unloaded a series of big right hands in the sixth. Arredondo was counted out after his third trip to the canvas and the crowd went nuts. They whistled, jeered and showered the ring with beer.

"It was something," remembered Mayweather. "Everybody started throwing things. There were fights everywhere. The whole place was fighting. I had to cover my head while they escorted me out."

While Baxter thinks Mayweather has finally found his "hole" (poor choice of words there, Bill) at 140 pounds and is hoping to wrangle a match with Hector Camacho, Roger wouldn't mind trying his luck as a full-fledged welterweight if the "Macho Man" is reluctant.

"I want to fight at welter," he said. "I believe I'm capable of winning the 147-pound title."

Whether or not another title is in store remains to be seen, but Mayweather has no illusions. He fully understands his appeal to both public and promoters alike.

"I like to try and provide the fans with some excitement, whether it's me or the other guy who goes," said Mayweather. "I like it that way."

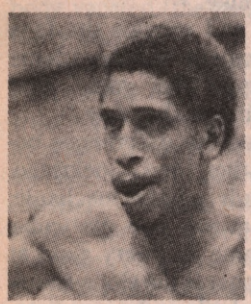
It's easy to see the differences between Mayweather and Lockridge. Rocky is the steady, reliable mechanic. He's not great at any one particular aspect of the game, but very good at most of them. Roger is the slope-shouldered slugger, volatile and unpredictable, capable of winning — or losing — any fight on the strength of a single blow. Lockridge might be a shade better all-around fighter, but Mayweather is more fun to watch.

Almost as obvious, if you look closely enough, are their similarities. Both Lockridge and Mayweather have taken a much longer and more successful ride on boxing's roller coaster than one might have expected. Both are value-for-money performers who have clawed their way back to the top. They did it the old fashioned way ... by fighting.

Boxing could use about 100 more like them. □

Panama Al Brown, Latin America's first boxing hero to make it big in the USA, was also the victim of drug abuse.

BOXING ON THE ROPES IN PANAMA



There were riots in the streets of Panama City when Colombian Fidel Bassa retained his WBA flyweight crown on a draw with local product Hilario Zapata (pictured here) this past August.

by James Dusgate

Drugs, Corruption And Civil Unrest Foster Decline

ON REGULAR TRIPS TO PANAMA OVER the years I always visit the Maranon Gym, a fascinating breeding ground of boxing champions. It lies in a dirty, seedy neighborhood, a Latin-Black ghetto to rival any in the world. You risk being mugged at knifepoint on any corner, and should you be silly enough *not* to carry any money, you will probably be slashed on some part of your anatomy as a "reminder" to make sure you do have cash the next time.

To get things off to a more pleasant start, I enjoy drinking expresso at the Boulevard Restaurant on Balboa Avenue, a few kilometers along the bay from the Maranon towards Paitilla Point, the perfect counterweight. It is a concentration of skyscrapers, a miniature Manhattan full of modern banks and luxury hotels. However, the tourist veneer is a little thin, and after a day or two spent lounging around in the sweltering humidity, I am inevitably drawn to the Maranon district.

It could be described as a Latin version of Dickensian London: filthy and over-populated, wooden edifices abound, houses are dilapidated, roads pot-holed, and the streets are liberally sprinkled with rubbish which never seems to be collected. The gym stands in the heart of the district and shares the same name. A Temple of Hope for many, a Hall of Remembrance for some, poor youngsters throng the place daily and dream of one day making the big-time.

I visit the place in the late morning. The temperature gets up to 85 degrees between noon and 2 p.m., precisely the key time for training. Trainers, promoters and pupils sweat endlessly—the former from merely observing. For them it's purely business, for the fighters a sport, but mostly a lifeline they hope will provide the escape they crave.

The Maranon, seed-bed of champions, is a big, simple structure held in place by an iron frame. Anyone who wants can use the gym to work out, although the atmosphere today is subdued compared to the furious activity of former years. There are a few potential heroes and a host of prelim boys, but the quality of yesterday's stars is definitely lacking.

On an earlier visit I observed "Stone Fist" Roberto Duran as he trained for a fight. His reputation—if not his ghost—still haunts the place. He came out of these same streets of Maranon

and Chorrillo and reached the heights and made (and lost) millions with spectacular knockouts around the world.

While a 14-year-old amateur he was signed by Carlos Eleta, a multi-millionaire with a kind heart and a sharp eye who treated Duran like a son. Duran's fights and victories became routine occurrences for his countrymen. No matter who his opponent was, his supporters were not content to predict victory for their hero, but gambled on how many rounds the fight would last.

All this was when Duran fought in the lightweight division—the glory years. Like Alexander the Great, he reached the point where there was nobody left to fight—and went on to suffer a similar fate. At his peak Duran became the protege of Panamanian strongman Omar Torrijos until the latter was blown out of the sky by a bomb allegedly planted by his successors.

This leads me to another aspect of Panama's growing attraction these days—official corruption. Having long enjoyed the protection of the U.S., Panama has been governed by a series of military dictators who have made the appearance of democracy an artform. Elections are held, votes cast and the general's candidate always wins. At least under Torrijos it was a benign dictatorship, and he was a popular, even charismatic, leader. In Clara Samaniego's (Duran's mother) house some six kilometers outside the capital, many photos adorn the wall of her son embraced by Torrijos, who regarded Roberto as the pride of Panama.

The latest man to succeed to the position of "Chief of the Defense Forces," General Noriega, is of quite a different ilk. He has been variously accused of selling restricted U.S. electronics technology to the Cubans and Russians and being an active partner of Colombian drug barons, and is reputed to have hundreds of millions of dollars stashed away in Swiss banks.

In June of '87, General Noriega's own right-hand man accused him of ordering Torrijos assassinated, thus unleashing the political unrest which still simmers below the surface. Yet in spite of all this, and at the height of political unrest there, South African Brian Mitchell went into the Lion's den and put his WBA junior lightweight title on the line against tough and dangerous local boy Francisco "Rocky" Fernandez in Panama City. The bout was twice

Of all the excellent fighters who got their start at Panama City's famous Maranon Gym, Roberto Duran will probably be remembered as the greatest.

postponed due to civil unrest, but finally came off July 31 with Mitchell retaining the title.

In August there were riots in Panama City as Colombian Fidel Bassa retained his WBA flyweight title with a draw against local favorite Hilario Zapata. This ugly violence was a direct "spin off" from political tension the country was going through.

I spoke to Bassa recently at the WBA convention of the tension now between the two countries. When one thinks of Colombia, one cannot help but recall the "Cartel de Medellin"—the world's most sinister drug trafficking body.

Just why the U.S. feels it needs a man like Noriega is difficult to say. If he is an accomplice in such large-scale drug trafficking, any truly democratic country would bring him to trial. For this reason I found it very ironic that the Latin-controlled WBA threw out South Africa for political reasons while allowing a country like Panama to enjoy its full support.

As if reflecting the moral decline in Panama in recent years, boxing is also going through a difficult period and the sport's honesty is under scrutiny. Even at the Maranon Gym the main topic of conversation now seems to be the hauls of drugs being discovered at airports and landing strips (a recent shipment seized was valued at $80 million).

Colon ("The Windy City"), across the other side of the isthmus, is an area which had previously produced many great fighters (Ismael Laguna, Panama Al Brown, Jorge Lujan, etc.). But today it seems to have been destroyed by drugs and crime. Most boxers come from poor, uneducated backgrounds and are easy prey for drug pushers. In fairly recent inter-city promotions (Panama City vs. Colon), all the Colon boxers lost.

Ironically, cocaine proved the downfall of Panama's and Latin America's first boxing champion—Panama Al Brown. Brown was arrested in New York in the 1940s for using cocaine. The judge ordered Brown to be deported for one year, a pretty lenient sentence under the circumstances.

The present crisis seems to have begun when the powerful managers with good kids feed them with a steady diet of "stiffs." Some impressive records were built which eventually led to world-title chances, but through political connections and maneuvering rather than genuine talent. Most of the local prospects fizzled out like punctured balloons when they fought for a title. Panamanians Eduardo Tunon and Azael Moran are two perfect examples. Tunon lasted less than a round against IBF junior flyweight champion Myung-Woo Yuh in Korea and Moran was stopped in five by Japan's Takuya Muguruma for the vacant WBA bantam belt.

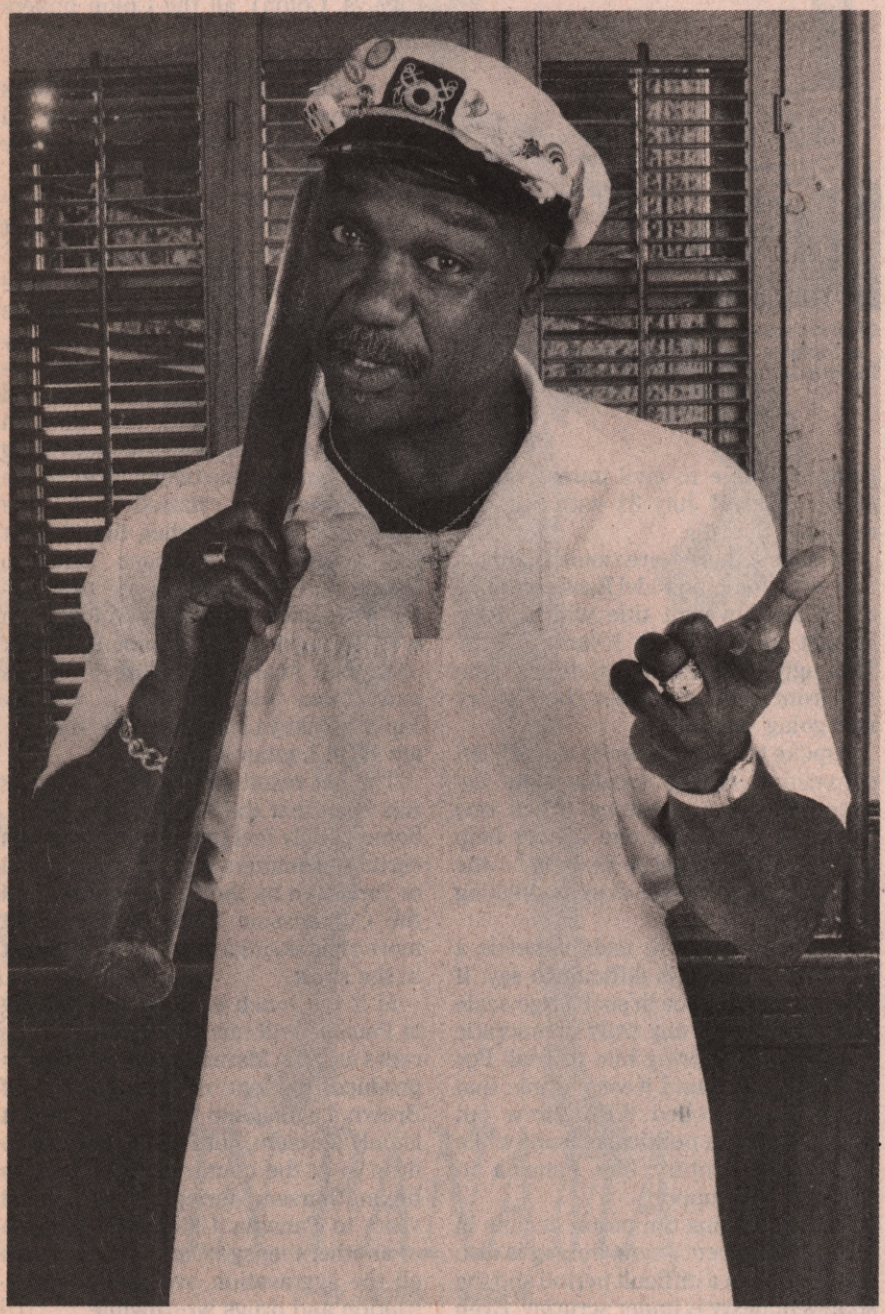
The net result of these shenanigans has been that the crowds have faded. Some people feel that friendships with certain promoters should be dropped or forgotten by the Commission—and the Commission itself should adopt more rigid standards to revive interest in the sport.

Is it too much to hope that boxing in Panama will one day get back to its roots and the Maranon Gym will again produce fighters of the calibre of Brown, Laguna and Duran? Perhaps it is only a dream, but I shall continue to drop in at the country's most famous boxing nursery during my occasional visits to Panama. Catching a glimpse of another teenage Duran would make all the aggravation over politics, corruption and drugs worthwhile. □

FROM BAD START TO "ROCKY" FINISH

Tony Burton's Strange Journey to "Frank's Place"

by Phill Marder



IT HAS BEEN NEARLY 20 YEARS SINCE Tony Burton turned his back on a boxing career. Twenty years of nothing but success, with appearances in all four "Rocky" films and a starring role in the successful television series "Frank's Place" among his achievements.

But the competitive fire that made Burton a heavyweight boxer in the 1950s still burns. And it doesn't take much to rekindle the flame. Just mention the name Lamar Clark.

"That bum didn't knock me out," said Burton while taking a break from the filming of a new "Frank's Place" episode. "I fought him on three days' notice. They stopped the fight when I slipped for the second time. They stopped it so I wouldn't break his string of knockouts."

Clark, a heavyweight from Utah, had a string of 38 consecutive knockout wins when he faced Burton in Palm Springs in 1959. Clark's opponents were questionable as he knocked out as many as six in one night. But on this

Former heavyweight boxer Tony Burton has fared much better as an actor than he did in the ring. He currently plays the role of Big Arthur Kenrow in the hit TV show "Frank's Place" and has appeared in all four "Rocky" movies.

evening, he was scheduled only to face Burton in a six-rounder. Burton claims his record was 16-2 with eight knockouts going into the Clark bout, but he had suffered a broken eardrum in losing his previous fight and was considered just another step in Clark's buildup.

"He fought the same way Gene Fullmer did," recalled Burton. "He rushed the same way. I remembered the way Ray Robinson had knocked out Fullmer with a left hook as Fullmer rushed in. I tried it in the fifth round but slipped, and the referee started counting. I tried it again in the sixth and slipped again, and the referee stopped the fight.

"That was my last fight," said Burton. "I was totally discouraged after that. My manager, Dr. Sterling Bowen, was killed in a fire, I had my eardrum broken and it just wasn't fun to me anymore. That was a bad period for me."

So Burton quit boxing and became a movie star. Well, not quite. Burton had been discovered at the age of 14 when, in his home town of Flint, Michigan, he was seen beating up two bigger fellows at once. Burton recalls it was not an isolated episode.

"I fought all of the time because of the rage inside me. With my condition, my position in life, I felt trapped in this little old factory town. Eventually, there were 12 in our family. We were poor."

And his boxing career had done little to change his outlook. Before he knew it, Burton found himself behind bars. He served 3½ years in minimum security, participating in various workshops. One included psychodrama or role playing. It changed Burton's life. A fellow inmate Burton had become friendly with played himself in one session, with Burton playing his friend's father.

"We had talked for six months and he talked so much about his father, I knew almost everything about him," Burton remembered. During the session, Burton was so convincing in his role that his friend physically attacked him.

"I said, 'Whoa, there's power here,'" Burton recalled. "'If I can reach people like that, I want to do that.'"

Upon release, Burton joined an actor's workshop in Santa Monica, California.

"I got deeply involved in television," Burton joked. "I repaired them."

While on a home visit, Burton met his wife, Rae, who got more than she bargained for when her television broke down.

Burton eventually earned a shot on the Red Skelton Show. It was supposedly a non-speaking part, but Burton didn't play it straight and Skelton was impressed. From there, Burton began picking up bit roles, appearing in John Carpenter's first movie, "Assault on Precinct 13," "Bingo Long's Traveling All-Stars," "Armed and Dangerous," "Inside Moves," "The Toy," "The Shining," and "Stir Crazy." Television roles included "Moonlighting," "The Paper Chase," "Hollywood Beat," "Scared Straight: Another Story," "The A-Team," "T.J. Hooker," "Quincy," "Baretta," "Kojak" and "Skag."

But none matched the impact and success he found as a regular in the "Rocky" series, first as Apollo Creed's trainer, then as Rocky's handler.

"Carl Weathers and I had the same agent," said Tony. "Through that, I got to read for the trainer part. I did an improvisation with Carl and Sly Stallone in the corner, and Sly liked it so we tried some other situations. Sly didn't know anything about boxing, and he was learning from me. When I left that day, I knew I had the job."

But Burton had no idea what the job would mean to his career.

"I didn't think the 'Rocky' thing was going to take off at all," Burton admitted. "I remember when we saw the preview at MGM, one of the crew guys came up to me and said, 'I think we've got a sleeper.' I said, 'Yeah, ZZZZZzzzzzzzzz.' I thought it was real slow. It just kind of dragged for me. Fortunately, they cut a lot before it got to the theaters."

The original "Rocky" remains Burton's favorite, but he has not lost his interest in the series. In fact, Burton will be there this year when the filming of "Rocky V" takes place.

"I don't know much about it, except I think he's going to fight a Persian," said Burton. "But I'll be there. Duke has to be there, they've killed off everybody else. It's funny, when we did the first movie my character didn't even have a name. I was just the trainer. But number one's still my favorite because I remember many experiences working on that movie and it was just tremendous. There was so much enthusiasm. Everyone was working for scale and there was a lot of improvisation."

And, of course, the movie's tremendous success and its subsequent impact on Burton's fortunes guarantee it will always have a special place in the actor's heart.

When the first "Rocky" clicked, Burton recalled, "I was surprised and elated. That was the breakthrough. Other opportunities started coming in."

One such opportunity was for a slot on "Frank's Place." Burton gave it thumbs down at first, but changed his mind after talking with the show's creator, Hugh Wilson, who wanted him to play Big Arthur Kenrow, the head chef in the New Orleans restaurant that bears the show's name.

"This is my first television series as a regular and it's fantastic, a miracle," said Burton. "It's better than a movie because it lasts longer. I turned it down, but the Lord wanted me to have this job. There are several things you have to know, who you are, what you are, what you're doing and where you're going. The only way to know these things is through the church. The greatest thing any of us on this planet can be is a good church member.

"I've been through a lot of changes, but I'm still the same person," Burton added. "In my heart, I know I've been blessed. If I've changed, it's in terms of what I spend my money on and how I spend my time."

Sadly, Burton doesn't spend much of either on boxing, anymore.

"I don't follow it as closely as I used to," said the actor. "You need a dominating spirit in the heavyweight division to keep boxing alive. Mike Tyson is a very talented fighter, but he doesn't have the charisma or showmanship of someone like Muhammad Ali, and it looks as if he hasn't learned anything since Cus D'Amato died. In my opinion, he's headed for a fall. I think if he fights Michael Spinks, Spinks will beat him."

Certainly, Burton has no thoughts of making a comeback, even in this day of returns by George Foreman, Earnie Shavers and Larry Holmes. Not as a fighter, anyway.

"I wish I could find a fighter I could teach," said Burton. "If I can find one I can teach, I could make him a champion. But he's got to be willing to listen."

Perhaps the boxing world — the real boxing world, not the cinematic version — has not seen the last of Tony Burton. □

Former middleweight champion Vito Antuofermo looked battered even when he wasn't bleeding . . . which was seldom.

Vicki LaMotta tenderly ministers to the battered eye of the family breadwinner the day after Jake dropped a non-title duke to Frenchman Robert Villema in New York City.

HERE'S BLOOD IN YOUR EYE

By Joseph D'O'Brian

ALTHOUGH IT DOESN'T GET TALKED about a lot, blood has always been a pretty big issue in boxing. Quite a few potential fans have never been to the fights because they're afraid of seeing it; a lot of good fighters don't go as far as they could have gone because referees are afraid of seeing it; and, quite frankly, there are more than one or two fans who go to the fights because they enjoy seeing it.

I'm sometimes a bit of a hypocrite about boxing, I'll admit. I can go on and on about the artistry of it, calling it full-contact chess, performance art, the ultimate intellectual sport, whatever. And there is some truth in those characterizations. There's also a little bull.

I enjoy seeing two men fighting. There it is. And while I definitely do not like to see anyone injured or bleeding, I will confess to a kind of horrified fascination with all the blood I see in the ring. And it must be for that reason that I have a mild interest in the bleeders, the fighters who are (or were) famous for getting their faces busted open and putting nasty stains on all the ringsiders' shirts.

Maybe it's because the bleeders tend to be the toughest fighters. Rocky Marciano. Jake LaMotta. Rocky Graziano. Henry Cooper. Vito Antuofermo. Frankie Ryff. Lauro Salas. Ray Mancini. Some of them were great, some merely good. But each of them was courageous to the point of recklessness and would not admit defeat even if he was six feet under. And as a devout physical coward, I've got to admire people like that.

It must be that a lot of fans share this view. After all, a lot of legends have grown up around a fighter who sustains a terrible cut and goes on to win the fight notwithstanding.

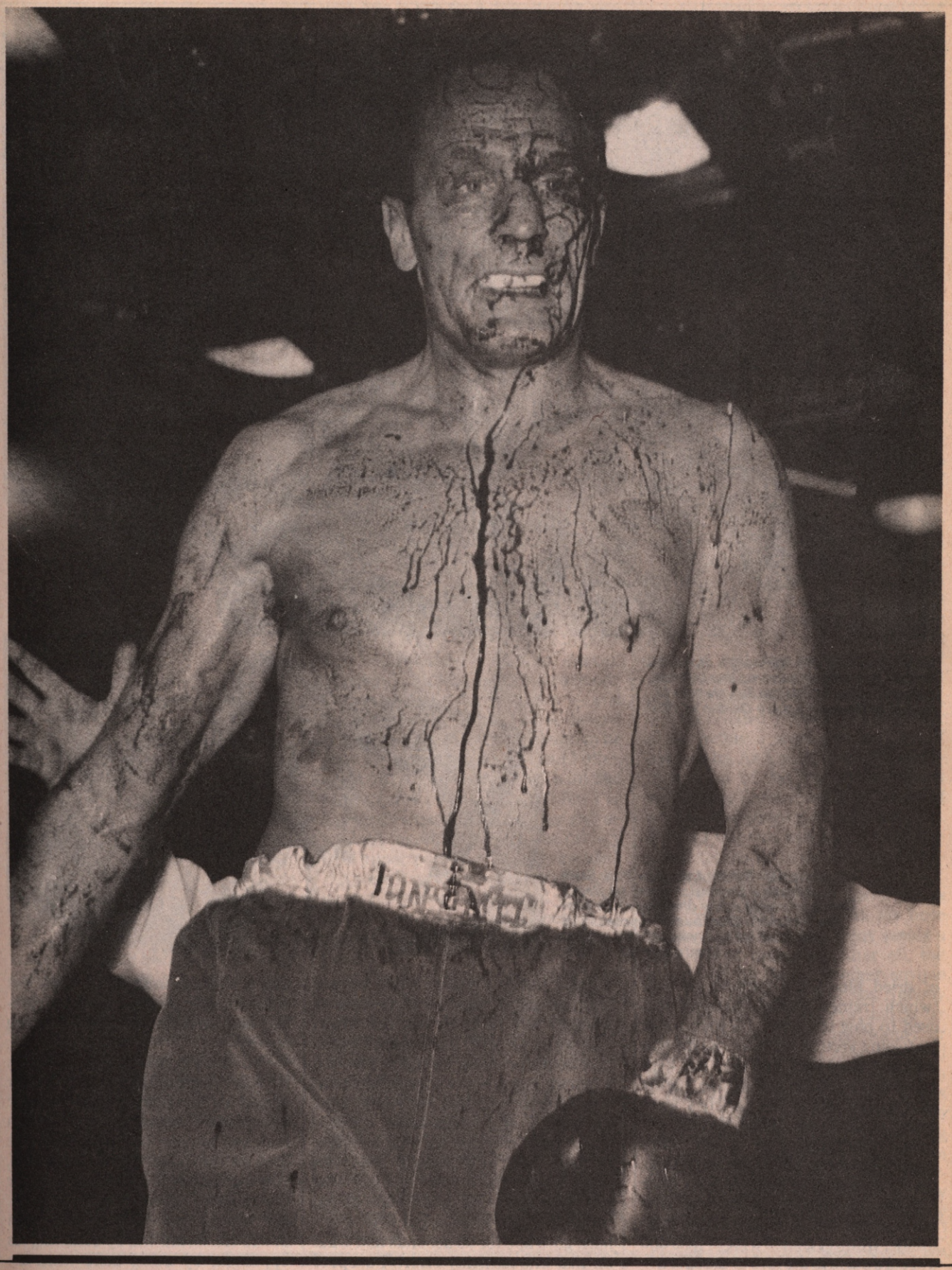
Rocky Marciano, for instance, has a secure historical reputation for plenty of good reasons. But two of those reasons are his first bout with Jersey Joe Walcott and his second with Ezzard Charles, in both of which he came out on top when by rights he should have been stopped due to loss of blood.

In the Walcott bout, he sustained a long cut across the scalp early in the bout, was half-blinded by a mixture of blood and cut medicine getting into his eyes, and won the title at last with a desperation punch that has become one of the most famous single blows in heavyweight history.

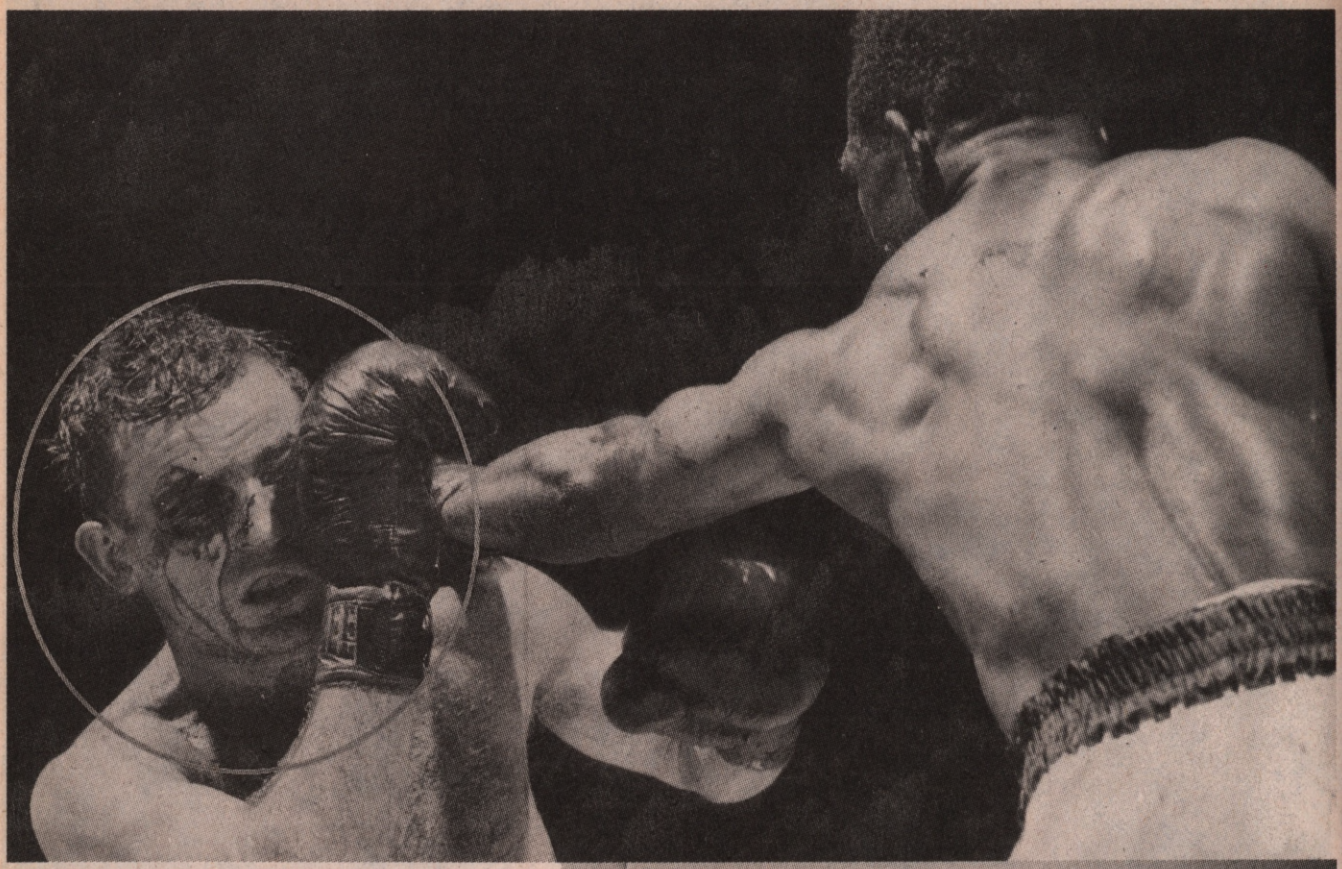
But in the Charles bout, he received a truly horrifying injury, a "nose split." A punch (or was it an elbow?) from Charles split Rocky's nose right down the middle, so that it was hanging off his face in two flaps. A lesser man might have called it a night right there, or at least have been so panicked that he would have been knocked out in another round or so. Marciano merely (in the words of one observer) "came back to his corner with an embarrassed grin, as if asking to be excused for putting his seconds to so much trouble." Then he went out and flattened Charles before his nose could fall off completely.

Then there was Rocky Graziano, who gained, in my opinion, a better historical reputation than he deserved by making a habit of winning after he'd been cut to ribbons. The most famous of these victories was his stoppage of Tony Zale in their second bout for the middleweight title.

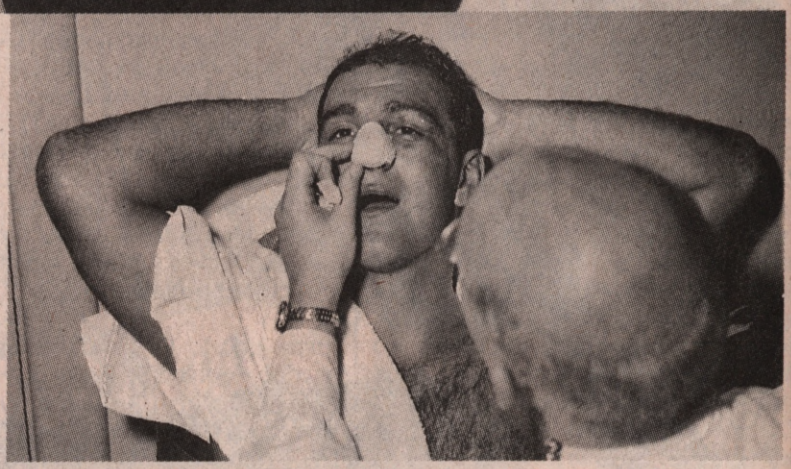
Zale, you'll recall, spent the first five rounds making like a suchi chef on Rocky's eyes. When Graziano came out for the sixth, he was almost totally blind, his eyes sealed shut by a mixture



Henry Cooper, one of the most prolific bleeders in modern boxing history, as he looked at the conclusion of his 1966 bout with Muhammad Ali in London.



Believe it or not, 50s lightweight contender Frankie Ryff (circle) survived this horrible eye cut to outpoint Orlando Zulueta over 10 rounds at Madison Square Garden in 1954.



Dr. Alexander Schiff of the New York State Athletic Commission tapes up Rocky Marciano's nose in the dressing room after the "Brockton Blockbuster" successfully defended his heavyweight title against Ezzard Charles in 1954.

of dried blood and carpenter's wax (which trainer Whitey Bimstein had used to plug the cuts). He found Zale by feeling around for him, caught him with one good shot, and then just kept going like a threshing machine, hardly able to tell where his punches were going until the ref pulled him off.

And there are quite a few other stories like these. But at the same time, there are plenty of fighters who were famous for bleeding a lot, and who never performed prodigies of that magnitude, who yet gained a lot of fans and a secure place in the lore of the sport.

Take Henry Cooper. When he got into the ring, it was not a question of whether he'd be badly cut, but when. And when he bled, there wasn't much that could be done; he'd just run like a faucet. But it never seemed to make any difference to him. He would fight the same tough, workmanlike conventional fight whether he was bleeding or not. And he'd usually win. His heroics were the heroics of a guy who just grits his teeth and keeps going, rather than those of the guy who, when hurt, goes ape for 30 seconds and wins on that one almighty effort. I suspect that it was this indomitable spirit that made Cooper perhaps the most popular heavyweight in British boxing history.

Vito Antuofermo is a parallel case. He wasn't a great fighter by any manner of means; he couldn't score dramatic knockouts because he seldom knocked anyone out, period. And he bled to the point where, these days, you can hardly see his eyes at all for the mass of surrounding scar tissue. But the cuts never slowed him down much. He would win by outlasting his opponent, by being there when the

The scar tissue around Lauro Salas' eye is clearly evident in this photo of the former lightweight champ taken several years after he retired from the ring.

final bell rang. He seemed to do it on heart alone, and that was apparently enough for the fans: There were never many empty seats when he was on the card.

Men who habitually get all busted up in the ring often turn out to be pretty hard men in civilian life, too. Jake LaMotta, as we know from the movie, took some pretty hard knocks outside the ring — prison, poverty, several failed marriages, severe emotional problems — but at last report, he seems to have put his life back together pretty well. Primo Carnera, who would regularly donate a pint or two of blood when he stepped into the ring, later made a fairly big name for himself on the battlefield, serving with the Italian army in World War II. The army didn't do so awfully well, of course, but Primo himself was cited for bravery more than once.

Possibly the most famous story about a bleeder's tribulations outside the ring is the saga of Frankie Ryff. Ryff was a pretty good lightweight back in the 1950s: a solid boxer-puncher who was in line for a title shot for several years. Ryff's only problem was that he would fight his way up the ratings, then sure as shinola he'd go and lose his next fight on cuts — spectacular cuts, too. It happened with frightening regularity. Time and again, he'd be just one fight away from Jimmy Carter or Bud Smith or Joe Brown, and then some other fellow would slice his face up for him. Another "KO by" in the record books, and no title shot for another year at least.

Well, Ryff finally hung up his foulproof cup, more out of sheer frustration than anything else, and took a regular wage/slave job. And, of course, that's when he gets involved in a construction accident that creases him up 10 times worse than any of his fights ever did.

As a matter of fact, he was supposed to have died. He was brought into the hospital a hopeless case. Then when he crossed the doctors up and survived, he was supposed to be paralyzed for life. As in confined to a wheelchair for the next 50 years.

It must have been the mental toughness he got from all those eye cuts that pulled him through. At all events, Mr. Ryff is no longer even close to crippled. I've been told that he's become quite an accomplished ballroom dancer, popular with all the ladies at Roseland.

(I go to Roseland a lot, too — you haven't really lived until you've danced the tango with a lady old enough to be your great-grandmother — and I often see a fellow there who looks a lot like old pictures of Frankie Ryff. But I've always hesitated to dance over and introduce myself, as though the privacy of a minor poet shouldn't be invaded. If it were Ray Leonard or Larry Holmes or even Ingemar Johansson, I wouldn't give it a second thought because I'd figure they'd be used to it and wouldn't mind.)

As I implied before, I may be kidding myself when I say that guys who bleed a lot are popular because that defect points up their toughness. It may well be that their popularity is simply due to sadism.

Lauro Salas was a pretty good little fighter back in the 40s and 50s. He very briefly held the lightweight title, in fact, although he was never much more than a glorified club fighter. He was one of these whirlwind-style Mexican guys of the type that always draws well in California.

I once read an account of one of his later fights against a pretty decent fighter named Tommy Tibbs. In this story, the writer noted that during the fight one ringsider behind him turned to her boyfriend and complained, "You told me that dark-haired one would bleed! How much longer do I have to wait?"

Somehow, I don't think this was just a bit of literary license. I've overheard similar remarks myself.

And how about all those *Rocky* movies? The first one in particular? Mind you, that was a good movie, not too unrealistic, and almost enough to make me forgive Stallone for all those sequels. But ask yourself just how effective that climactic fight scene would have been if there hadn't been so much blood, if Stallone had just got a little puffy and lumpy as the fight progressed, without having to go wading in his own gore as he stumbled towards a moral victory. Wouldn't have been half as much fun, would it?

I also have to wonder if some fighters who bleed a lot don't get some kind of subconscious kick out of it. I know, that sounds utterly ridiculous, but I can't help remembering a time a few years ago when I was engaging in some fencing practice without sufficient padding and my opponent's sword sliced my arm open. It wasn't a bad cut, but there was quite a bit of blood, and I continued to fence for a half-hour or so before I went and got myself patched up. And, yeah, there was something kind of thrilling about leaping around like Errol Flynn, with flecks of my blood spattering all over the joint. Would I feel that way about it if I regularly got cut up in the course of making my living? Who knows?

Anyway, when I think about things like that, I can't look down my nose too far at the fans who enjoy seeing a little bit of massacre. After all, the blood will be there, whether anyone actually likes seeing it or not. Nobody has ever died of a cut eye, and as far as I know, seeing Henry Cooper or Lauro Salas in action never inspired anyone to go after his kid brother with a razor blade just to see what it was like. So people who like to see the bleeders bleed can go right on enjoying it, I guess. And people like me, who are forever trying to intellectualize everything, can bleeding well let them enjoy it and quit pretending to be morally superior. □

New Faces

by Jack Welsh

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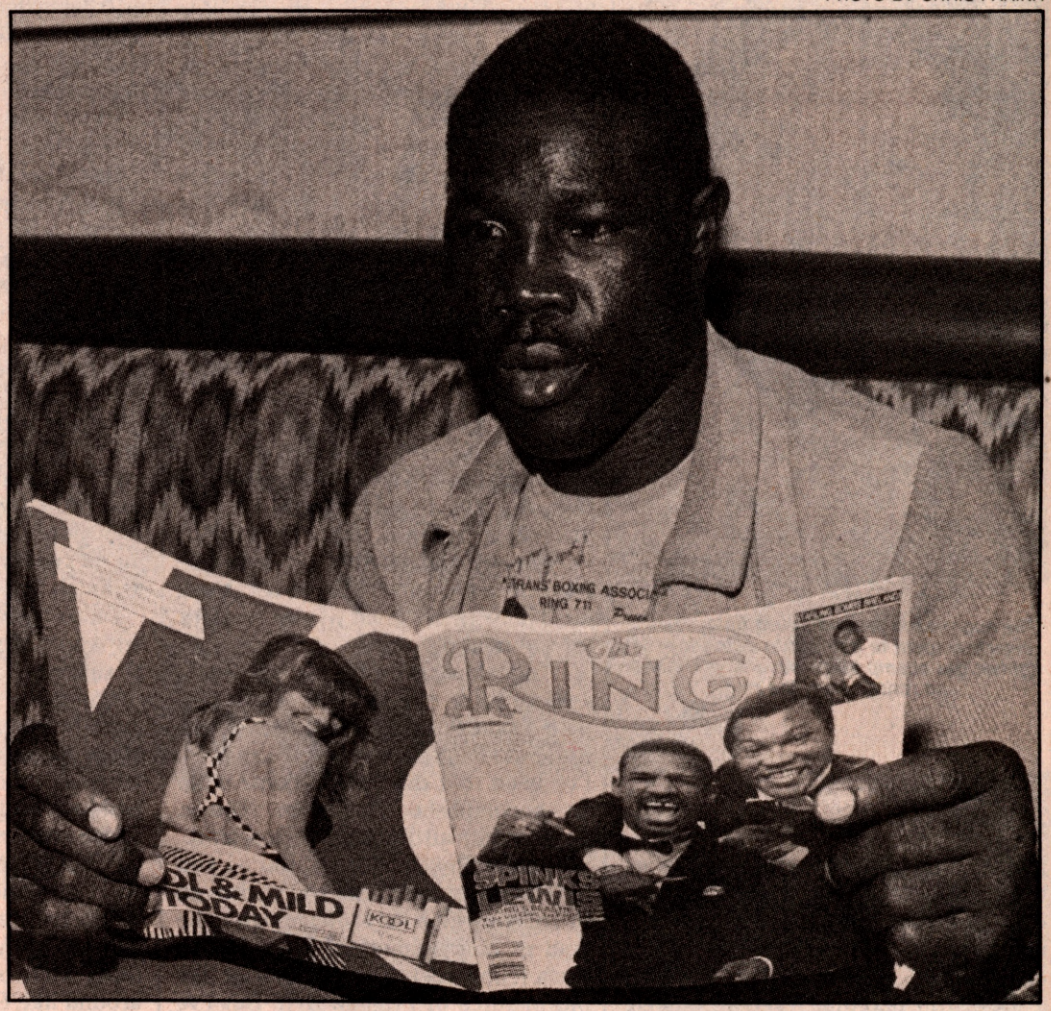
JOE LASISI



Nigerian light heavyweight Joe Lasisi catches up with the latest boxing news with a copy of THE RING.

IN MANY RESPECTS, THE STORY OF JOE Lasisi is a modern-day version of the classic Stanley and Livingstone saga set in darkest Africa in the 1800s — in reverse.

Dr. David Livingstone, you may recall, was on an exploratory expedition into the jungle interior and hadn't been heard from in two years. In 1869, the old *New York Herald* hired Henry M. Stanley, an adventurous correspondent, to find the American physician. On November 10, 1871, Stanley came upon the town of Ujiji on Lake Tanganyka (now western Zaire) where he greeted a bearded, tired-eyed wisp of a man with that now immortal line, "Dr. Livingstone, I presume?"

At 28, Lasisi, Africa's light heavyweight champion, is not about to wait two years for somebody to find him. He spent the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays with his wife and children in Lagos, Nigeria, but recently returned to Las Vegas.

"If I had stayed in Africa permanently, it would have been difficult for people to ever know who I am," Lasisi said in halting, but near-perfect English. "Unlike Stanley and Livingstone, I want people to know I'm a good fighter, not presume."

Lasisi made his American debut October 28 on a Top Rank promotion at the Las Vegas Hilton. He was on a roll of 11 straight knockout victories, but to the audience this pleasant warrior was "Joe who?" However, after his decisive second-round TKO of previously undefeated Sergio Merani, an Argentine stablemate of Juan Roldan who had won 12 straight and was considered one of South America's best 175-pound prospects, Lasisi had proven his point about shedding fistic anonymity in America. The next rankings by *The Ring* showed him 10th in the light heavyweight division.

"When I first came to the United States in March a year ago (1986), people don't believe I can fight," said Lasisi. "Right now, I'm the only African rated in the world. And Americans think it is just a favor to the memory of Dick Tiger, Nigeria's greatest fighter, who died in 1971. Before I came to the States last year, I stopped in London to talk with Frank Warren, the promoter. There was some talk of me fighting Dennis Andries or maybe Tony Sibson, but I'm not known in Britain so nothing happened."

Other than having the improved travel conditions of the jet age, Lasisi wasn't much better off than Stanley, the reporter of 116 years ago. In

America, Lasisi knew only one name, Akeem Anifowoshe, a 19-year-old bantamweight who is 7-0 in Las Vegas after an outstanding amateur career in Nigeria.

"Before I left, I put in an overseas call to Akeem in Las Vegas and that's when he told me about Miguel Diaz, who is now my manager/trainer as well as handling Akeem. I feel very fortunate because Miguel gave me his time. He's very fair and he's helped a lot. None of this would have happened if I had stayed in Africa."

Diaz, a native of Caracas, Venezuela, but headquartered in Las Vegas the last 10 years, is delighted to be working with Lasisi.

"There's no question about Joe's dedication to be a world champion," said Diaz. "He's well-educated, God-fearing, doesn't drink or smoke and runs five miles a day training or not.

"When he first came to me, Lasisi was right-hand crazy," added Diaz. "He was a good puncher, but he wasn't jabbing and didn't have too many moves. Now, he's moving well in the ring and hooking off the jab. We've been working on Joe's defense, too."

One of the big adjustments Diaz had to make with his rising contender is to remind Lasisi to keep the pressure on when he has an opponent in trouble.

"Fighting in Africa, Joe knocked out everybody he fought," said Diaz. "He'd drop the bombs and step back to watch them fall. In the States he'll find out some of these guys won't fall easy.

"But make no mistake, this fellow has big power," added Diaz. "Lasisi had to knock Sergio Merani down twice before they stopped the fight. Joe hit him with a right hand so hard the punch broke a cartilage in the left ear and sent the blood gushing. The cut required 27 stitches to close and later Merani told me he had never been hit that hard by anybody, not even working with Roldan."

Lasisi still smolders when he mentions his brief period spent helping Roldan prepare for his unsuccessful bid against Thomas Hearns for the vacant World Boxing Council middleweight title last October in Las Vegas.

"I sparred with Roldan for 2½ weeks, first in Reno and later in Vegas," said Lasisi. "I hurt him in the chest, but they wanted me to be a punching bag. I wouldn't, so they fired me. If I hurt him in the gym, you know what happens with Hearns. I wasn't surprised Hearns knocked him out. Roldan's trainer (Aldolpho Robledo) made him fight a stupid fight."

Instead, Lasisi prefers to reflect on how he helped Virgil Hill, the 1984 Olympic silver medalist, prepare to take Leslie Stewart's WBA light heavyweight title on a KO last September in Atlantic City.

"Working with Virgil was good experience for both of us," said Lasisi. "I had no doubt he'd knock out Stewart. We're friends, but someday maybe he'll give me a title shot. They tried to match Stewart with me before he lost the title, but he wouldn't fight me. I also worked with Michael Dokes in Vegas and gave him a good workout. He didn't want me to leave when I told him I was going home for Christmas."

Lasisi feels fortunate his family hasn't been neglected during his campaign to gain international acclaim and financial security.

"I work as an assistant superintendent on overseas duty for the Board of Customs and Excise in Lagos, Nigeria," said Lasisi. "When I came to the U.S. alone, they paid my full salary, sending a check every month to my wife, Abigel. We have a daughter, Buky, who is two, and last August 23, a new son, who we baptized Bode, arrived in Kwara State. That's where I was born, in the small town of Okeonigbin. While I was away, I talked to my wife on the phone several times, but I didn't see our new son until I went home for the holidays."

His wife's home cooking was another thing Lasisi missed.

"Back home, all the food is fresh from the farms, practically nothing from stores," said Lasisi. "I don't eat much meat, maybe a little beef and some chicken, but no fish. I like spaghetti, which I had never had before, and also pasta and Chinese rice. The weather in Las Vegas is just like Nigeria, and the people are very friendly. I really feel at home. Someday, I hope I can bring my family to America."

Lasisi was the second born in a family of five sons and two daughters, but the only male to turn to boxing.

"I started boxing at 15, and the man who helped me the most was Abudul Yaya, who died in 1986," recalled Lasisi. "I had 64 amateur fights, losing only once while scoring 25 knockouts. Hogan Bassey helped me a lot, too. My early manager as a pro was Jim Oh-Aremu, but I knew early I couldn't stay at home and get recognition."

Lasisi's first test for cash was May 5, 1983, in Kaduna State where he chilled his foe in one round. Lasisi won the Nigerian national title in just his fourth bout when he KO'd Jerry Okorodudu in eight rounds July 26, 1985. Next came the West African crown which he won in two rounds in December of the same year. Lasisi beat a recognizable name on this side of the Atlantic when he stopped Lotte Mwale in eight heats to capture the African Boxing Union championship April 28, 1986, in Lagos.

Lasisi and Diaz were at ringside when "Prince" Charles Williams rallied from two early knockdowns to take Bobby Czyz' International Boxing Federation 175-pound title on a ninth-round TKO in Las Vegas last October. The Nigerian wasn't impressed.

"From what I saw, Charles Williams won't last as champion," Lasisi said. "I'd love to fight him. In fact, I'd give up the money for a chance at the title."

Even if it was an exaggeration, Lasisi's declaration is a cinch to make Bob Arum or Don King do a double take—we presume. □

THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF JOE LASISI

Nigerian light heavyweight
Born: October 28, 1959
Height: 6-2
Manager and trainer: Miguel Diaz

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1983		
May 5	E. Osaigo	Kaduna State	KO1
Nov. 20	O. Joshua	Kaduna State	KO1
	1984		
Apr. 6	C. Owolabi	Lagos	KO2
	1985		
July 26	Jerry Okorodudu (Won Nigerian title)	Lagos	KO8
Oct. 4	Sunny Emovon (Retained Nigerian title)	Lagos	KO1
Nov. 23	B. Yusuf (Retained Nigerian title)	Kwara State	KO7
Dec. 10	G. Mesha (Won West African title)	Lagos	KO2
	1986		
Feb. 3	Napoleon Abbey (Retained West African title)	Lagos	KO3
Apr. 28	Lottie Mwale (Won African Boxing Union title)	Lagos	KO8
Aug. 15	Sugar Ray Acquaye (Retained ABU title)	Lagos	KO8
	1987		
June 19	Sanni Muhamed (Retained ABU title)	Lagos	KO2
Oct. 28	Sergio Merani	Las Vegas	KO2

SUMMARY

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KOs
12	12	0	0	12

Ring Side Reports

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

PHOTO BY CHRIS FARINA

The unmarked face of Julio Cesar Chavez after he stopped Edwin Rosario to win the WBA lightweight belt in Las Vegas. Chavez's marvelous performance also earned him THE RING'S Fighter of the Month honors.

Needless to say, the staff didn't have to agonize over this month's selection too long. Mexico's **Julio Cesar Chavez** rocketed into the superstar class with his brilliant TKO victory over Edwin Rosario for the WBA lightweight title in Las Vegas. Chavez's outstanding performance also earned him *The Ring*'s Fighter of the Month award.

Runner-up honors go to unpredictable **Roger Mayweather**, who captured the WBC junior welterweight title with a sixth-round knockout over local hero Rene Arredondo in Los Angeles.

Honorable mentions go to **Julio Gervacio**, who decisioned Louis Espinoza for the WBA junior featherweight crown; **Julian Jackson**, who stopped Korean In-Chul Baek for the vacant WBA junior middleweight belt; and old favorite **Mike Weaver**, who continued his latest comeback with a TKO over previously unbeaten South African Johnny du Plooy. □

JACKSON-BAEK
WBA Jr. Middleweight Title

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA—Julian Jackson vowed lightning would not strike twice in the same place, and that's why he reigns today as the new World Boxing Association junior middleweight champion.

Long before he stepped into the Las Vegas Hilton ring for his third-round TKO of South Korea's In-Chul Baek, the 27-year-old Jackson created a motivation litany revolving around Mike McCallum. McCallum is trying to nail down a shot at Thomas Hearns for the World Boxing Council middleweight crown. To make his point stronger, the spectacular conqueror of Donald Curry abdicated his 154-pound throne. To the dismay of Jackson and his connections, McCallum didn't depart before giving the slick boxer-puncher from the Virgin Islands a crack at his championship.

Jackson remembers August 23, 1986, in Miami Beach as the night he had an impressive start against McCallum before the champion's fists abbreviated the evening with a second-round TKO.

"I was too high for McCallum, and I guess I got a little careless, too," said the St. Thomas product. "The password for this fight is control, and on November 21 I'll control In-Chul Baek even though I don't know much about him."

Coming into the scheduled 12-round title bout in the Hilton's outdoor arena, Jackson was second banana to the No. 1 rated Asian in the WBA ratings, though their records were nearly identical, Jackson being 31-1 with 29 knockouts, while Baek stood 41-1 with 36 KOs. Baek, 2¾ inches shorter than Jackson at 5-9, also came to this mecca of chance as the Orient-Pacific junior middleweight ruler, having made a record 15 defenses since 1981. In one stretch, he had stopped 26 straight opponents in the Far East. But when he came to the United States May 20, 1983, he lost a 10-round decision to Sean Mannion.

Early in the opening round, Jackson was content to stick and move against Baek, who, with his herky-jerky motion, always seemed off balance. Jackson switched to southpaw an instant before the catcalls started and reached out with a long left that sent his rival into the ropes and onto the canvas. The count of referee Mills Lane reached eight before Baek was upright, and time ran out before Jackson could pursue his advantage, though Baek did manage a left before the bell.

Jackson, switching to lefty on occasion, controlled second-round action, scoring with combinations to the head and body. Jackson opened the third round with a charge, wobbling Baek with a solid right

and a double combination. The Caribbean athlete then caught the unorthodox Far Easterner with a long, clothesline right and followed with a left-right and a left hook. Baek reeled into the ropes and dropped to the canvas. Though hurt, Baek was up again on Lane's count of eight, but Jackson rushed in with TNT combinations and Lane, seeing Baek was clearly disoriented, stopped the rout at 1:17.

"I was thinking about 12 rounds and I expected a real tough fight," said Jackson. "But from the first round, I saw that Baek was very slow so I decided to try to get my punches off as soon as possible. I knew I was quicker than Baek and he was there to be hit."

Of the first knockdown, Jackson recalled, "When I saw his legs shaking, I guess I got anxious. But that's when I said, 'Just cool it, man, and get your things together so you can get this guy out of the ring.' Baek caught me with a couple of good body shots in the second round, but he never really hurt me."

Carl King, son of Don King, the fight's promoter, now manages Jackson.

"I was surprised Baek didn't offer more of an offense," admitted Carl King. "I was told this fellow was a little slow but was a stronger puncher who comes in winging with both hands. He was a lot slower than I expected.

"Julian is a better human being than he is a fighter, and that's saying a lot because I think he's a great fighter," added Carl. "Now, we just want to go out and prove Julian Jackson is the best junior middleweight in the world. We'd like to stay active like Mike Tyson. But we're not going out there to make foolish moves. There's no retirement fights out there. Nobody is willing to put up 50 million dollars. We don't want any one-shot paydays, so we're going to get it teaspoon by teaspoon instead of by wheelbarrow."

On the undercard, former WBA super bantamweight titleholder Victor Callejas, 130½, San Juan, improved his credits to 23-1 when he stopped Pedro Nolasco, 130, Los Angeles, at 2:07 of the first round. Nolasco is 8-5.

Joe Rivera, 132, San Juan, moved to 13-1-3 with a TKO victory over Romero Lozano, 132½, Houston, at 2:45 of the second.

Santos Cordona, 146, Miami, moved to 13-0 after winning a hotly contested, unanimous eight-round decision over Philadelphia's Joey Ferrell, 150. The latter fell to 17-5-2 with six KOs.

Renaldo Carter, 119, Detroit, defeated Steve Guzman, 117½, San Diego, on an eight-round unanimous decision. Carter goes to 13-0 while Guzman dips to 8-5.

Vincente Gonzalez, 129½, Los Angeles, erased Ricardo Huertas, 131½, San Diego, on a TKO at 2:45 of the second round. Gonzalez is 9-4, Huertas 5-4.

(11-21-87)

JACK WELSH

VACA-HONEYGHAN
World Welterweight Championship

WEMBLEY, ENGLAND—LLOYD Honeyghan lost his world welterweight championship under peculiar and controversial circumstances in the Grand Hall.

An eighth-round accidental butt caused a serious cut over the eye of challenger Jorge Vaca of Mexico. Vaca could not continue, but was awarded the technical decision. Contrary to British rules, under WBC rules if a boxer sustains a cut eye which causes a stoppage, the points total at the end of the previous round applies. In this instance, two judges voted for Vaca, one for Honeyghan, after referee Henry Elespru of the United States had deducted a point from Honeyghan's total for the accidental butt.

That point proved crucial. Australian official Malcolm Bulmer scored for Honeyghan, anyway, 67-65. But Chuck Hassett of the United States had Vaca ahead 67-65 and Belgium's Bob Logist also faored the challenger, 67-66. Without the point deduction, Logist's card would have been even and Honeyghan would have retained his world championship on a draw.

Instead, the penalty cost him his WBC belt, which was on the line, and his IBF belt, as the latter organization stripped him and declared its title vacant with the result. The WBA recognizes Marlon Starling as champion, but Honeyghan held the true championship, and it now passes to Vaca.

Altogether, it was a bit of a mixup, but rules are rules, however stupid some might think they are.

The champion was not the Honeyghan British fans know so well. The sparkle and sharpness were missing from his performance, and he seemed quite resigned to the situation after, merely stating, "Fair enough." The old Honeyghan would have protested strongly at being "robbed," so what was the problem? Honeyghan had been training for this fight in America, so he could have been homesick. He himself said he had "personal problems." Whatever happened, he certainly did not have the right mental approach for this fight in which a victory would have given him a British record of four consecutive successful world championship defenses, a goal he was confidently expected to reach.

Even with all things considered, many ringsiders had the champion ahead after seven rounds. There was plenty of action in the early rounds, which were fairly even. Honeyghan did a lot of clean work with jabs to the face, while Vaca responded with flurries. The Mexican appeared strong and Honeyghan incurred warnings for alleged low punches. At the end of Round Seven, Vaca cut loose with an all-out attack that pinned Honeyghan in a corner, where he took quite a few punches without reply.

When Round Eight started, Honeyghan stepped in and threw a left jab. As he did, his forward momentum brought his head into contact with Vaca's right eye. It was purely accidental, but the cut bled profusely and there was no way Vaca could continue.

It took 12 minutes to sort out the verdict and many fans had no idea what was going on. It seemed a straightforward case of the boxer who couldn't continue losing, especially as the butt had been accidental. When the result was announced, there was an outcry of disbelief. Vaca just could not believe his good fortune.

His right eye closed, a subdued Honeyghan told one reporter after, "I don't know what I am doing. As for quitting the ring, I won't decide for another couple of weeks."

Honeyghan also has hand trouble, seeing a specialist in New York, and several times turned southpaw in order to minimize this handicap. But, the only sure cure for this problem is rest. On a previous occasion, Honeyghan had talked of retiring but didn't carry out his threat.

The loss was Honeyghan's first in seven years and 32 fights as a pro. His manager, Mickey Duff, plans a return as soon as possible and Vaca is reported to have said he is willing. That prompted a touch of the old Honeyghan to return as the now former champion said, "If I do fight him again, I'll win back my title easily."

Vaca came over as a strong, sound fighter and a particularly good counter-puncher. He has nine years experience and nearly 50

fights under his belt. A rematch would be a good match, but the IBF has ordered Honeyghan to meet either Yung-Kil Chung of Korea or Simon Brown of Jamaica for its vacant crown within 90 days.

(10-28-87)

RON OLVER

RAMOS-RANDALL
NABF Lightweight Title

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—ASSUMing Frankie Randall has made some New Year's Resolutions for 1988, the list might include staying out of corners once the bell rings.

The 26-year-old highly regarded lightweight from Morristown, Tenn., figures to be most eager to heed such a suggestion considering the way he blew a title shot at World Boxing Council lightweight champion Jose Luis Ramirez.

Randall, 135, was virtually set to face Ramirez in Paris March 12. Perhaps being the WBC's No. 2 135-pound contender and top dog in the eyes of the International Boxing Federation wasn't enough. Maybe a southern-born gent like Frankie figured he'd need his own title before descending on Gay Paree. Enter Bob Arum. Top Rank's board chairman had a title up his sleeve for Randall—the vacant North American Boxing Federation lightweight championship at the Las Vegas Hilton. Arum also had a pretty fair opponent in the wings with little to lose and everything to gain in the personage of Primo Ramos, a Latino out of Los Angeles who hadn't earned high points a 31-5, 21 KOs mark might deserve.

The title was up for 12 rounds, but 10 were wasted. After a feel 'em opening three-minutes, Randall and Ramos picked up the tempo at midring. Both fighters scored with combinations to the head, but Primo began to back up the world-class talent, who had lost only once in five years while winning 32, 26 inside the distance.

With less than a minute left in Round Two, Ramos worked Randall into his own corner, catching him with a vicious left hook to the jaw. The Tennessee terror never felt or saw Ramos' follow-up combination as he slid slowly to the floor. Referee Davey Pearl didn't have to count, but he did. It was all over at 2:30 of the round.

It took handlers Dick King and Ralph Citro at least 10 minutes to get Randall defogged. By the time he unsteadily left the ring, Frankie's glazed eyes seemed to plead, "What happened?"

Randall's only previous loss was a 10-round, hard-fought decision to Edwin Rosario June 16, 1985, in London when the slick Puerto Rican was between the WBC and World Boxing Association lightweight titles. Frankie had never been stopped as a five-year pro or in his 210-16 amateur career.

Despite his spectacular victory, Ramos isn't going to France to challenge Ramirez. Pernell Whitaker gets the call. Perhaps down the road, the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic champion owes Primo some kind of favor.

Joe Lasisi, 176, the African champion from Lagos, Nigeria, made an impressive American debut with his 12th straight knockout victory when Argentina's Sergio Merani, 175½, was unable to answer the bell for Round Three of a scheduled eight-rounder.

Merani, fighting out of Cordoba and a stablemate of Juan Domingo Roldan, also was in a U.S. inaugural with a 12-0, four KOs record, but the outpunched Latin was never in the chase, hitting the canvas in the first and second rounds.

Merani opened with a series of body shots that didn't bother Lasisi and the latter dropped his rival with a straight right. Merani was now bleeding from the left ear. Lasisi drew a brief rest from referee Toby Gibson when Merani caught him with a left that was accidentally low. Before the bell, the Las Vegas-based light heavyweight was back firing with heavy combinations.

Early in the second, Lasisi decked Merani with a mean right to the head. Rising in a neutral corner, the South American offered a weak salvo before Lasisi almost put him down again with two short rights. The impact had Sergio's left ear bleeding again. Merani refused to answer the bell for the third round.

Eugene Speed, 125¾, Sugar Ray Leonard's protege out of Palmer Park, Md., lost the first two rounds, then came on to TKO Tony "Dynamite" Duran, 127, Denver, Colo., at 1:41 of the third round in a slated sixer.

Speed is 8-0 with seven KOs, while Duran took his first loss after nine wins, six inside the distance.

Milford Kemp, 158¾, Los Angeles, rallied from a shaky start to win an eight-round split-decision over Kenny Snow, 158½, Tyler, Tex. Kemp's log moved to 11-3-3, four KOs, while Snow dropped to 26-5, 17 KOs.

Miguel Mosnar, 174¾, Buenos Aires, Argentina, outmauled Shaun Ayers, 175, Carson City, Nev., to win a unanimous six-round decision. Mosnar is now 7-3-1, two KOs, Ayers 16-6-2, seven KOs.

(10-28-87)

JACK WELSH

BRUNO-BUGNER

LONDON, ENGLAND—FRANK Bruno of Britain stopped Joe Bugner at the end of Round Eight, and the expected result prompted the WBC Convention to elevate Bruno to its No. 1 heavyweight contender spot a few days later.

Rarely has there been so much prefight publicity for a non-title affair between two non-champions. It had been built up like "The Fight of the Century" and the fans responded, the estimated gross being about $2 million.

Both were in the WBC top 10, so this rightly could be regarded as an eliminator for a shot at the WBC title. Both are former European champions, but Bugner, who was born in Hungary, raised in Britain and now holds citizenship in Australia, won his crown nine years before Bruno. Both surrendered their European crowns without being beaten. Bugner had never been popular in Britain, especially when he was awarded a controversial decision over Henry Cooper in 1971 to take the British, European and Commonwealth titles. The result prompted Cooper to retire. Later, Bugner left Britain, landing in Australia where last year he outpointed James Tillis, David Bey and Greg Page. Also last year, Bruno was stopped by Tim Witherspoon for the WBA title. But this year he rebounded to stop Tillis, Chuck Gardner and Reggie Gross.

So the way had been paved for a Bruno-Bugner clash, with Bruno estimated to have received around 500,000 pounds, with Bugner earning about half that.

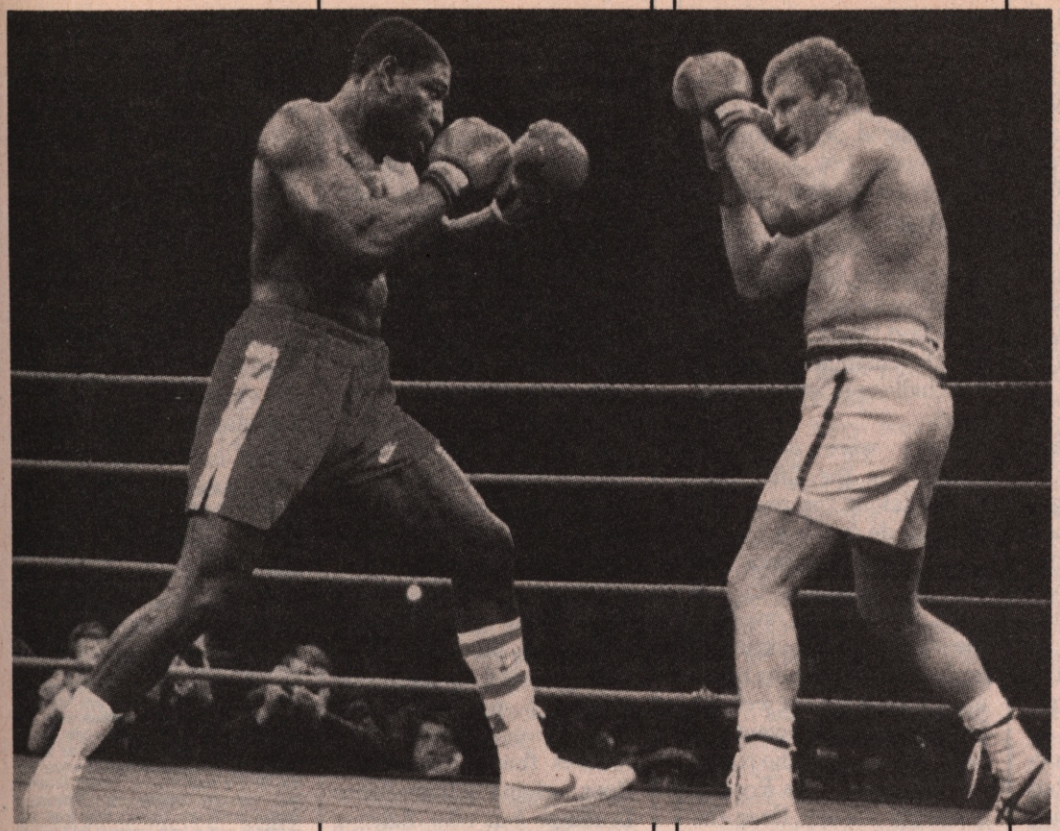
The weigh-in produced a major shock when Bugner, who normally scales under 236, came in at 256½. It immediately became obvious that the 37-year-old wasn't going to be very mobile. Bruno weighed 230.

The only remaining item of interest was in seeing whether or not Bugner, who has never been short on durability and who possesses a good chin, would go the distance.

The first round was a feeling-out affair, with honors about even. But from Round Two on, Bruno took over and dictated the exchanges. His accurate left jab landed on Bugner's face with monotonous regularity, and Bugner had no reply, appearing ponderous with slow reflexes. Also, he was not in the best condition as his weight had indicated.

Bugner's only plan was to hurl himself forward, using his superior weight to back his opponent into the ropes. There, he would lean on him and cuff away extravagantly with both hands. It went on round after round, with no effect on Bruno, who kept pulling further and further ahead on points. Bugner kept going, never lacking in gameness, but his nose bled and his face was marked.

Bruno had used his right sparingly, but he brought it into play in Round Eight. Toward the end of that session, a short right to the



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Frank Bruno (left) moves in against Joe Bugner during their uninspired heavyweight match in London. Bruno stopped the aging Bugner at the end of Round Eight.

head dumped Bugner into a sitting position on the bottom rope. Bruno continued to punch away with both hands as referee John Coyle watched closely but made no attempt to intervene. Then, as Bugner managed to get himself into an upright position, he was half-pushed under the bottom rope.

At this stage, the towel came in from Bugner's corner. But this form of retirement is not acceptable under British rules. Moments later, however, Coyle intervened just as the bell ended the round.

It was possible Bugner could have continued and also possible he could have completed the 12 rounds. But maybe it was just as well for all concerned that it ended when it did.

"The referee should not have allowed Bruno to keep punching while I was on the ropes," said Bugner. "He could see I was in no position to defend myself."

Coyle replied, "I know what I did was right. If any part of Bugner's body, other than his feet, had touched the canvas, I would have stepped in. But that wasn't the case, so I didn't."

The fans acclaimed Bruno as if he had won the world title and, quite naturally, the talk was all about a meeting with Mike Tyson. The latter's manager, Jim Jacobs, watched the fight and said, "There are only two logical contenders, Michael Spinks and Bruno, and the latter is favored for a clash in London next summer."

Already a date—June 18 at the same venue—has been mentioned, but Bruno's manager, Terry Lawless, said, "Bruno has many commercial interests and doesn't need a fight with Tyson to make a lot of money. I would want to be guaranteed an enormous amount of money before agreeing to a fight with Tyson."

No amount was mentioned, but it is thought that since Larry Holmes will be getting $2 million to meet Tyson in January, this would be the absolute minimum Lawless would agree to.

Bugner immediately announced his retirement and he and his wife, Marlene, went back to Australia where he intends to resume his career in acting.

As for Bruno, he said, "Now that the fight is over, I have a great admiration for Joe Bugner. He took his beating like a gentleman. He didn't go on the defensive, but I always felt in control. As for Mike Tyson, I'd love to fight him but will leave the negotiations to my manager."

As Bruno is now the official No. 1 contender for the WBC title, he must be next after the Tyson-Holmes fight.

(10-24-87)

RON OLVER

LOCKRIDGE-DE LA ROSA

IBF Jr. Lightweight Title

TUCSON, ARIZONA—STILL the mauling wizard, Rocky Lockridge turned back the clock along with the ripe attack of solid challenger Johnny de la Rosa, who just missed finishing things himself in the third.

Instead, after meeting the canvas then, Lockridge turned some tables and it was de la Rosa who had a blurry referee in his face when the scheduled 15-rounder ended at 2:43 of the 10th. The durable Lockridge knows after a decade of duking where twilight looms, but the IBF junior lightweight champion vividly proved he could be around awhile longer.

De la Rosa, who matched Lockridge's 130 pounds, plunged into the fray first, scoring with jabs against the sluggish champ. Almost five inches shorter than his opponent, the slow-starting

Lockridge waded around in pursuit like a tipsy crab, fighting out of a shell with his right glove capped over his forehead as if he was avoiding kamikaze pigeons. But Lockridge squared himself and his attack in the second, swinging hard from many angles. De la Rosa's expertise at such fistic trigonometry kept him unfazed but for a slip to the canvas.

The tempo livened as Lockridge kept his head against de la Rosa's chin, winging nasty messages while staring at the challenger's reddening abdominal muscles. De la Rosa had a different view. With wide eyes, he appeared to be watching everyone in the building except Lockridge. But whatever the target, de la Rosa had a good aim. Lockridge kept bulling in but paid the price as a slice opened on the lower bridge of his nose. It was not a serious wound, but it inspired de la Rosa.

Through most of the third, de la Rosa tripled Lockridge's decent pops until uncorking a left that jolted Lockridge to the floor. Lockridge sprang right back up as if in a quickly reversed replay, then thought better of marching blindly back into his lethally poised challenger. Instead, he knelt to catch his breath and exchange eyeball strategy with Lou Duva, barely rising in time as referee Al Munoz began to say "10."

"I was thinking so hard, I forgot the ref was counting," Lockridge said later.

De la Rosa pounced on the still-dazed champion, but there was only a handful of seconds before the bell.

De la Rosa opened the fourth with a right that had Lockridge hanging on again, but he could not finish the determined champion who came back with a left cross that calmed the challenger's assault. They traded in circles at mid-ring as Lockridge swung so wild he almost fell over. An overhand right zinged de la Rosa to the ropes, but Lockridge walked right into a series of uppercuts and was hurt again. Lockridge thumped away harder, but de la Rosa struck twice as much in the all-action fourth, and at the bell the champion stared at the challenger with new respect.

There were crisp exchanges in the fifth, Lockridge taking the round by keeping de la Rosa pinned on the ropes for almost the full 180 seconds. In the sixth, de la Rosa avoided the strands but Lockridge's body work kept him backing up. Things went well for Lockridge in the seventh as he spent much of the round working over de la Rosa in a neutral corner. Near the bell, Lockridge blasted in two rights and a grenade left, and this time it was de la Rosa's turn to stare with respect as he headed back to his corner.

The Lockridge right kept landing in Round Eight. De la Rosa rested by mugging, sticking his chin out in mock invitation. It bought him some time, but he didn't realize he was now in the champion's office. De la Rosa managed to stay free at mid-ring most of the ninth, but Lockridge was pasting him by the end of the round.

The cut on Lockridge's nose had been controlled, but since the sixth he had been coming out with a progressively bigger vasoline wad. For the 10th, so much grease distorted his face that it looked like he was a week early for Halloween. There were numerous barks of protest and many grunted laughs as everybody saw it but Lockridge's corner and the referee. De la Rosa soon rocked it away, but from then on it was Lockridge who cleaned up.

Lockridge landed left-right combinations and no longer needed to cut off the ring to force de la Rosa into traps. The challenger was on weak legs in the champion's corner when Lockridge splattered away any title hopes with a left, right, right-hook combo that crumbled the challenger. Johnny D beat the count, but looked vacant in rising. Munoz balanced him and stopped it as Lockridge quickly strutted away without looking back.

Lockridge had the bout in hand on two cards when the end came, but de la Rosa was ahead on one scorecard and the crowd showed vocal appreciation for his fine effort. De la Rosa, originally from Santo Domingo but now fighting out of the Kronk Gym, fell to a respectable 33-3 and the IBF witness in attendance said he would recommend de la Rosa retain his No. 1 ranking.

Tired and somewhat groggy, de la Rosa did not dispute that Lockridge had earned the victory, though maybe early.

"They should have let me fight a little bit more, but hey, I couldn't finish him in the third," said de la Rosa. "I hit him great and he took it."

The 28-year-old Lockridge, now 42-5, has been relatively active in 10 distinguished, but up and down years. He knows he's on the short side of the sport's horizon and has discussed a training position at the Duva stables somewhere down the line. But in racking up his 35th KO there was no apparent age deficit.

"I'm not as quick or as strong anymore, but I'm a much smarter fighter than before," said Lockridge.

Trainer George Benton, commenting on Lockridge's shaky start, said, "Sometimes life is like pool when you miss three or four shots off the break. It takes a couple rounds."

And Lockridge added, "I knew he was taking the play. The ultimate was to get him out so there would be no doubt what was going on. Regardless of being the champion, I fight like I'm the challenger. Go in there and stay in there, that's my thing."

Fine undercard action saw Nico Perez gain polish for his upcoming NABF title tilt with a convincing stoppage of capable Robert Garcia. South Tucson's Perez, 134, is now 62-7 while enjoying an active comeback. This month's stepping stone was Garcia, 136¼, Los Angeles, who fell to 15-11. Garcia made it tough and crowd-pleasing, but Perez was effective in employing technique that varied from his usual slick counterpunching approach. Perez stalked flat-footed, relying on aggressive power. Garcia also pressed the action, but Perez dodged many balloons by a yard. Garcia would leap with both feet in the air, catching Perez on the elbows, back, legs and everywhere but the head or belly. Finally, after sweeping every round, Perez slicked back his long hair and pressed the nuke button. As the sixth ended, crimson streamed from between Garcia's lips. Evidence of Perez's power and Garcia's heart (both later earned a bonus from promoter Gil Mariscal) came when the doctor stopped it. Garcia's tooth had gone through his lower lip and he was not allowed to answer the bell for Round Seven.

Darryl Tyson, 136¼, now 25-3, notched his 15th KO and looked excellent stopping worthy Felipe Julio, 135, now 25-2 from Miami by way of Bogota, Colombia. Julio started well with some stinging leads but paid for waking up Tyson. Tyson cranked up his muscular body and in the second Julio took a nine count and suffered a cut left eye. There was inspiring action in the third, Tyson repeatedly stunning Julio with left-hand mallets while Julio refused to fold and came back with his own wallops, hurting Tyson at least a couple of times. After the third, it was determined there were two cuts around Julio's left eye. One on the eye lid was lengthening, so ref Bobby Ferrera halted it.

In the opening match, local George Corral, 139, now 2-1-1, scored a TKO over Gregorio Espadas, 133, now 2-2 from Guadalajara. Corral didn't get away easy. He went down in the second and was bleeding from a forehead clash. In the end, Corral flattened Espadas' profile with blunt right hands and put him down for a seat outside the ropes. Espadas was in and up at nine, but immediately caught hurt until trainer Beto Martinez threw in the towel.

Todd "Don't Duck" Mallard, Tucson, 152, pounded out a unanimous decision over outgunned Al Rodriguez, 153½, now 2-2, from Guadalajara, all judges seeing it 40-35 over four.

In the finale, Pablo Montano, 135, now 6-2 from Tucson, scored a well-fought, six-round decision over Mark Parea, 133, now 12-3 from Albuquerque. Montano's arms seemed twice as long as Parea's and he used his reach well, scoring two hammering knockdowns in the second. But eventually, Parea worked his way in and rallied at the end. Scoring: Bob Cox and Joe Garcia, 57-55, with Dr. Mike Munoz seeing it 57-56.

Gilbert Mariscal and the Tucson Boxing Association put on a quality affair from start to finish. It was the first title fight in Tucson in over seven years, and the TBA demonstrated it is a first-rate organization. Both Duva's Main Events and Kronk were impressed enough to commit to similar affairs in the future. Thanks to Gilbert Mariscal Jr. and partner Vince Gonzales, the once-dead Arizona boxing scene is now a consistent hotbed of action.

Promoter: Tucson Boxing Association.
Announcer: Gordon Wood.
Timekeeper: Joe Mendoza.
Attendance: 1,850 (est.).

(10-25-87) **PHIL WOOLEVER**

McCRORY-CAVESUELA

NABF Super Welterweight Title

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—THERE IS a growing suspicion Milton McCrory may be at the crossroads of his career every time he goes to the post in the future.

Some hard-nosed exponents of boxing even insist the 25-year-old former World Boxing Council welterweight champion from Detroit may never get back to the future, particularly after this latest venture in a Top Rank/ESPN main event in this oasis of chance.

McCrory was such a lopsided choice to defeat Herman Cavesuela in a 12-round bout for the North American Boxing Federation super welterweight title, Nevada's licensed bookmakers didn't bother to quote a price.

For the most part, they were right. McCrory, 154, almost finished with a shutout over the 23-year-old journeyman from Prunedale, Calif., to improve his ledger to 32-2-1. But he blew golden opportunities to record his 24th kayo in the night air at the Las Vegas Hilton's outdoor stadium.

More important, McCrory got tagged by the rugged but limited Cavesuela, 152¼, with a wild right in the fourth round. The 6′1″ product of Emanuel Steward's Kronk Gym was suddenly stretched flat on his back and the crowd went bananas.

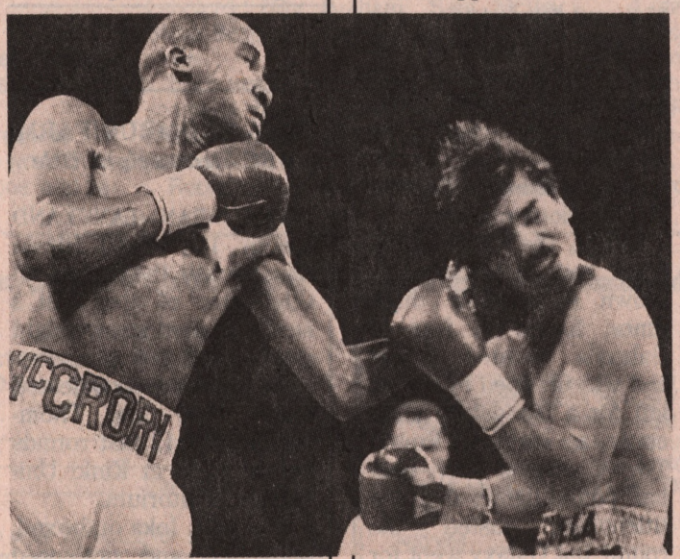
Unlike his two-round blitz by Donald Curry in this same venue to unify the welter crown in 1985, McCrory managed to beat referee Richard Steele's count at eight. The former world champion had punished Cavesuela severely from the opening bell, cutting his right eye with a combination in the first minute of the fight.

Cavesuela, with blood pouring from an assortment of gashes, got the message that McCrory was still hurt as he lurched back against the ropes upon rising. McCrory staggered out of harm's way as Cavesuela lunged with both hands cocked. Then the bell reprieved Milt.

McCrory needed the fifth round to clear his head and regained control of the fight in the sixth with rapier combinations. The sharpshooting to the head in sequences of four to seven punches repeatedly buckled Cavesuela's knees and resumed the flow of blood to assorted facial cuts.

McCrory's punching accuracy had Cavesuela down in the third and eighth rounds, but the battered Latin fighter refused to let Steele toll 10.

Milton McCrory tags Herman Cavesuela with a left hook en route to lopsided 12-round decision and the NABF super welterweight title in Las Vegas.



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On his surprise trip to the canvas, McCrory reviewed, "I never saw the punch coming. I heard people yelling when I was down. If I hadn't been in such great shape, I probably wouldn't have gotten up. I was still hurt when I got up."

Steward, who doubles in training and managing McCrory, instructed his charge to keep moving in the fifth round.

"I was very concerned when Milt got knocked down. I was hoping he had enough experience to tie up Cavesuela and hold on," Steward said. "In the next round, he kept sticking and moving as his head cleared, but he still looked a little wobbly. Then he settled down and became very aggressive. I really don't know how the other kid stayed on his feet."

McCrory concedes he expected "an easy night" against a challenger who came in with a 20-2, seven KOs record.

"I thought probably after three rounds the fight was going to be over," McCrory added. "I kept loading up with one punch because I thought I could knock him out with one punch. I know I hurt him in the fourth and I thought he'd go down. So what happens? He knocked me down."

Las Vegas judges voted unanimously for McCrory, with Dave Moretti tabbing it 118-110, Cindi Bartin seeing it 117-111 and John Thomas voting 117-109.

McCrory was making his first start since April 19, when he made an unsuccessful bid for Mike McCallum's World Boxing Association junior middleweight title in Phoenix, Ariz. The Detroiter started fast, but suffered a fractured nose and eventually suffered a ninth-round TKO.

Cavesúela, taken to a nearby hospital to have his cuts sutured, was unavailable for a post-fight review. The Californian had won 14 of his last 15 starts since March, 1985. Prior to McCrory, Cavesuela's toughest rival was Fred Stockton, who became Herman's fifth straight win of the year on a 10-round decision Aug. 14 at Stockton, Calif.

(10-28-87)

JACK WELSH

FENECH-ZARATE

WBC Super Bantamweight Title

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA—Australia's WBC super bantamweight champion Jeff Fenech held his title with a technical points win after four rounds against former WBC bantamweight champion Carlos Zarate at the Hordern Pavilion, Sydney Showground, Moore Park.

Zarate severely cut Fenech's cheek with an accidental butt in Round Four. Referee Henry Elesperu discussed the injury with Dr. Lou Lewis, then called for the judges' scorecards. Dick Young, David Brown and Chuck Hassett all had Fenech leading, 40-34, so he received the decision.

It was a shame it had to

end that way, particularly as far as Fenech is concerned, because it appeared he would have stopped Zarate in three more rounds at the most.

Fenech carried his hands higher than usual because of Zarate's reputation as a heavy puncher, but Fenech soon showed he hit at least as hard as the Mexican. In Round One, he shook Zarate with a right to the jaw. Fenech cut loose and shook Zarate again, but Zarate remained cool. The challenger hit Fenech with a couple of solid body blows, but a Fenech right to the jaw sent Zarate reeling backward.

When the bell rang for Round Two, Fenech flew out of his corner like he was shot from a gun, but the referee held him back. Elesperu should read the rules. When the bell sounds to start a round, a boxer is entitled to hit his opponent. If the opponent is slow moving out of his corner, that is too bad. He'll get up from the stool quickly when he sees the opposition coming.

Fenech won Round Two and Round Three contained plenty of action with both scoring heavy body blows. Elesperu ordered a point taken from Zarate for repeated low blows in this round.

There was toe-to-toe action in the fourth before a right to the jaw decked Zarate. The Mexican was shaken, but got up to finish taking the mandatory eight count. After the count, Fenech shook Zarate again, this time with two left hooks. Zarate scored well to the body, but Fenech retaliated in kind. The referee warned Zarate for the careless use of his head and soon after the deep gash resulted on Fenech's cheekbone. Seconds later, the bell ended the round and the fight.

The Zarate camp later appealed to the WBC for a rematch, which was granted. This is a pity as far as Zarate is concerned for Fenech definitely will stop him, barring more head-clash cuts. Fenech, who matched Zarate's 122 pounds, will beat any boxer his weight in the world, including featherweights.

Over eight rounds, Australian junior lightweight champion Tony Miller, who lost his featherweight title to Fenech earlier this year, scored a comfortable points win over Zarate's sparring partner, Armando Marin, 124¼. The scores went 79-77, 78-74 and 79-74, all in favor of Miller, 127. Miller, who fought with a wrenched back, had to be assisted from the ring after his win.

Also over eight rounds, former Australian cruiserweight champion Kevin Wagstaff, 179½, outpointed former Australian and OPBF light heavyweight champ Gary Hubble, 182½, in a bruising fight. The scores were 77-75, 80-70 and 78-74, all for Wagstaff.

Former Australian junior featherweight champion Mark Cribb, 120½, outpointed Bobby Mastro, 124¼, over eight rounds, the scores reading 78-74 (twice) and 79-74.

Over four rounds, Arzan Basic, 231, outpointed Bob Mirovic, 217½.

Promoter: Classic Promotions/Bill Morday.

Attendance: 5,400.

(10-16-87)

RAY MITCHELL

GALAXY-CHUNG

WBA Jr. Bantamweight Title

BANGKOK, THAILAND—Hard-punching lefty Kaosai Galaxy dropped Korean challenger Byung-Kwan Chung three times and stopped him at 2:58 of the third session of a scheduled 15-round title bout.

Galaxy registered his sixth straight defense by knockout of the WBA junior bantamweight crown he won three years ago by demolishing Eusebio Espinal in six furious rounds.

Chung, the OPBF titlist who had defended his crown successfully three times, fought in fear of Galaxy's vaunted power and was dropped by a light left for a mandatory eight count as early as Round Two. Chung, at 114½ one-half pound lighter than the titleholder, lasted the round, but Galaxy went for the kill in the next session.

The Thai overwhelmed the Korean with powerful roundhouse left and right hooks to the face and belly. Chung was floored again by Galaxy's solid left and Galaxy continued fiercely attacking the challenger when he got back up. The Korean was caught by another wicked left and dropped on the seat of his trunks. Ken Morita, a Japanese referee, didn't hesitate to count him out.

Galaxy improved his record to 34-1 with 31 knockouts, which might be the highest KO percentage of all world titleholders. The crestfallen Chung, who proved no match, is 13-5-2 with three KOs.

"Chung did nothing to hurt me," said Galaxy. "When I found that I could catch him quickly, I went for an early stoppage."

There are no strong challengers for the Thai except for WBC super flyweight champion Sugar Baby Rojas.

Kaokor Galaxy, the WBA's top bantamweight contender, 117, ran his unbeaten log to 15-0 with 12 KOs as he disposed of Filipino champ Constancio Dangla, also 117, in the fourth session of a scheduled 10. In the near future, it's possible the twin brothers, Kaosai and Kaokor, could hold world titles simultaneously.

Promoter: Niwat Laosuwanwat.

WBA witness: Reneiro de la Vega.

Attendance: 8,000 (est.).

(10-12-87)

JOE KOIZUMI

IOKA-THOMBURIFARM

WBC Strawweight Title

OSAKA, JAPAN—LANKY AND speedy 18-year-old Hiroki Ioka became the first world titleholder of the WBC's newly created strawweight class—limit 105 pounds—as he impressively defeated tough Thai Mai Thomburifarm in 12 fast rounds before 8,000 at Kinki University Auditorium.

The 5-6½ Ioka outboxed, outjabbed and outlegged the slower Thai all the way, taking almost all rounds with his sharp and accurate combinations to the face and midsection.

Thomburifarm, scaling 105, a quarter-pound heavier than Ioka, attempted to come close to the fancy dan, but in vain. Ioka was steadily compiling points with his favorite hit-and-run tactics.

Ioka showed his best in Round Six when he pinned the 26-year-old Thomburifarm to the ropes with a flurry of punches and had him on the verge of a knockdown before the bell rescued the Thai. After that, the fight was more lopsided as the Japanese boxer solved Thomburifarm's style and counterpunched him with good precision. His footwork didn't stop until the final round ended.

Lou Filipo of the United States scored 119-109, Mexico's Ray Solis carded 119-111 and Sidney Rubenstein of the United States saw it 120-105, all for the Nipponese speedster, who is coached by 72-year-old veteran trainer Eddie Taunsend. Ioka is the sixth world titleholder he has cultivated.

"I had enough confidence to beat him from the start," said a cool Ioka. "I wanted to stop him. I just repent of now being able to finish him."

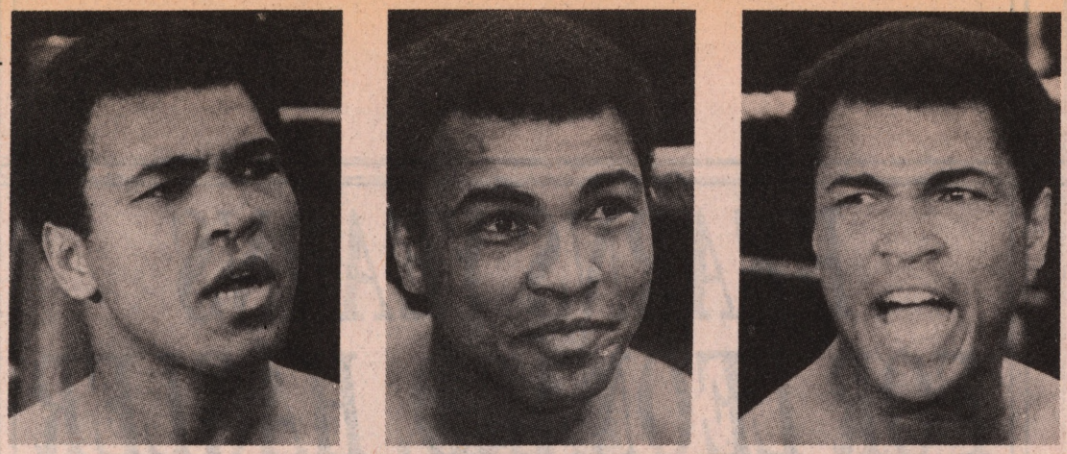
Thomburifarm admitted, "I was in good shape, but he was too fast for me to catch. I have no complaints to the decision."

There might be some controversy about the necessity of the new 105-pound division. But Japanese fight fans realize Ioka, the youngest of 26 titleholders produces thus far by Japan, is talented.

Promoter: Green Tsuda Promotions.

(10-18-87)

JOE KOIZUMI



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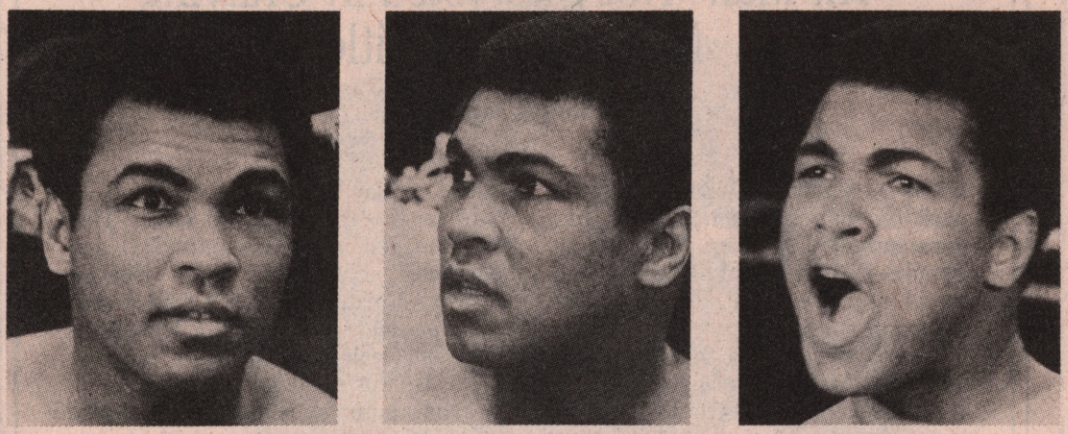

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HEARNS YEARNS FOR LEONARD, HAGLER

"Hit Man" Not Interested in Unifying Middleweight Title

by Shelby Strothers

RIGHT NOW, TO ANSWER A COMMON question that has been flung at him constantly for the last few months, Thomas Hearns would like the boxing world to know what his immediate plans are.

"Go to sleep," said the 29-year-old champion with a weary sigh. "I'm tired. It seems like I lived a whole life in the last month. So it's time to rest."

Then, with a wicked smile, Hearns added, "Of course, if anyone wants to reach me, I'm still at the 313 area code. I will accept calls from either a Mr. Hagler or a Mr. Leonard. Even collect calls."

It has been hectic lately for Thomas Hearns. Of course, his knockout of Juan Domingo Roldan prompted everything. Hearns' quest to become the first fighter to win "world championships" in four different weight classes technically came to an end as the battered Argentine was counted out with 59 seconds left in the fourth round at the Las Vegas Hilton.

"Then everything seemed to speed up on me," Hearns said.

First there was the flight to Los Angeles the next day. A guest spot on the Late Show. Then back home to Detroit and a motorcade parade November 4 through downtown in his honor as Thomas Hearns Day officially kicked off. The mayor presented him the keys to the city. There was a luncheon in his honor. A dinner. A party. Another party.

"I bet I made about 15 speeches in that one day."

Then another plane to catch. This one headed east. Washington D.C. and a press conference where Hearns' trainer Emanuel Steward said it was "95 percent certain" that Marvelous Marvin Hagler was going to agree to fight Hearns sometime next year.

That the press conference was held in Washington, which is right next to Maryland, which is where Sugar Ray Leonard lives, was interpreted as a not-so-thinly veiled jab.

"Actually," Hearns said, "that was all coincidence. We were in Washington to meet President Reagan."

The short meeting with the President at the White House was little more than an exclamation point to the wild rush of events and people and places and things to do. Arriving back at his Southfield suburb estate, Hearns declared the only person he wished to see or speak to for the next week was his five-year-old daughter Natasha.

"My pride and joy," Hearns said, his mood softening. "Boxing is my business, but sometimes I have to let things slide so I can be with my baby girl."

And there were cartoons to watch and games to play and places to go shopping for dresses and toys and candy. And The Hit Man stayed one tired daddy.

"So now I sleep. I rest. I do nothing," he said. "I own history now. I don't really need anything else except maybe a couple of dates with Mr. Hagler and Mr. Leonard. I would like to avenge the

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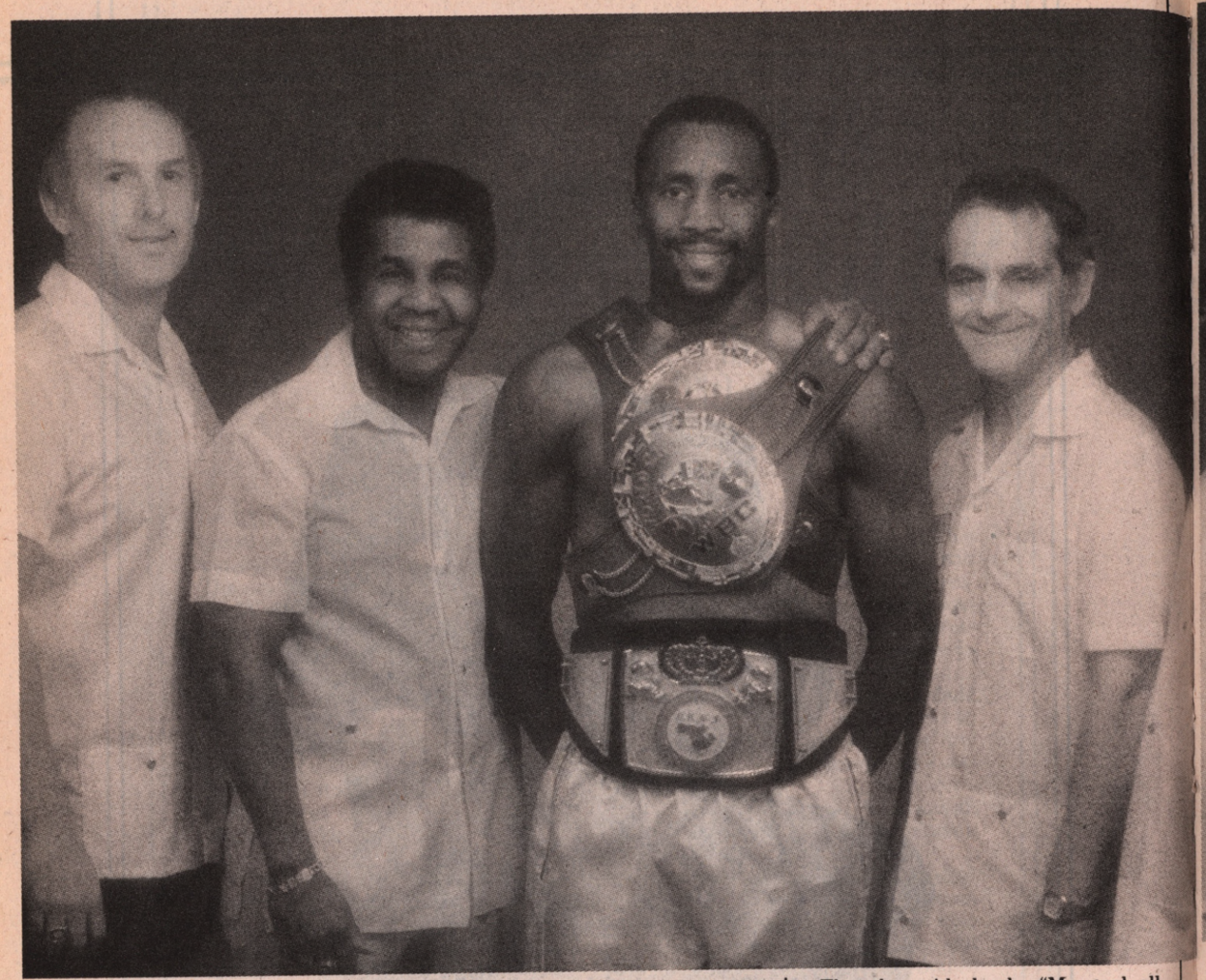
Like a king on his throne, Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns ponders the future after revitalizing his career with a fourth-round knockout over Juan Roldan for the WBC middleweight title.



only two losses I've had. I would like to erase them."

His victory over Roldan, which brought him the WBC middleweight title, is not considered by some to be the historic achievement Hearns considers it to be. Many critics, including *The Ring*, maintain Hearns has won only fractions of world championships. None were undisputed. None were unified. Because of the alphabet-nature of boxing, where the WBA, WBC and IBF all have their own versions of world champion for each weight division, the notion of winning four championships at four different classes has become diluted to an extent.

Mention this to Hearns and his fatigue evaporates. Genuine anger erupts.

"Look, all Thomas Hearns can do is fight at the time in which he lives. Babe Ruth never got to play against today's baseball players. I never got to fight back in those days when there was only one champion for each class. History for me has been made. I did it and nobody else ever did. My titles are all legitimate. I'm not worried because people try to condemn my achievements. I know what I did. And since nobody else ever did it, history is mine," Hearns said.

He is asked why, after knocking out Dennis Andries and winning the WBC light heavyweight championship earlier in the year, he never stayed around long enough to defend it. Hearns' answer is a scoffing laugh and several seconds of silence.

Then he said slowly, "My goal all along was those four titles. That is what I wanted. It (the WBC title) was just one of the steps I had to take. Once I got to it, I had to take the next one. I didn't want to be held back."

Asked if he would be interested in satisfying all the world by collecting each sliver of each weight class, Hearns laughed again.

"Why? What benefit would there be for me to do that? I have nothing to prove. All my dues are paid in full. I've done everything everyone's asked me to do already. Really, seriously, what benefit would it be for Thomas Hearns to fight Frank Tate? How am I supposed to get excited for Michael Nunn? Ray and Marvin—sure, bring them on. I want my revenge. I want it badly. But

The Hearns team, from left to right: Dr. Fred Lawrenz, manager/ trainer Emanuel Steward, Hearns, cut-man Ralph Citro and assistant trainer Walter Smith.

anything else, anyone else? For Thomas Hearns, there would be nothing to gain."

Against Roldan, Hearns displayed a heretofore unseen ability to grab and clinch when he was in trouble. Early in the fourth round, Roldan unloaded a hook off Hearns' chin and the Hit Man's eyes rolled.

"I thought, 'Oh no, here we go again,'" Hearns remembered. It had happened in 1981, 14th round against Leonard. Again in the third round of his fight with Hagler.

"But I finally learned what to do in those cases."

First and foremost, swallow pride.

"For the longest time, my pride was too high. I felt I couldn't get hurt. Not me. Not the Hit Man. But I learned. Especially against Marvin. When you got trouble, grab hold. Ride it out. Any man can get hurt. And when he does, he must learn how to survive. Or else."

In the months leading up to the Roldan fight, Hearns worked specifically on the maneuver, which is little more than a combination bear-hug and waltz position. Steward said if Hearns had developed this tactic earlier in his career, "he'd probably still be undefeated and there wouldn't be anything to avenge.

"Tommy has grown up. It's simple as that. He's become a complete fighter because he got that little immaturity that he's the baddest cat and he's Superman and nobody could hurt him out of his system. When Roldan tagged him with a good shot, Tommy grabbed hold. He tied up Roldan and then he got his second wind. His head cleared and he knocked him out."

And now, said Hearns, "I'm king of a country where nobody else lives. All the time they've been having boxing, the whole history of the world, nobody ever did what I did. That's what I showed the world when I beat Roldan. That's what President Reagan told me."

Hearns slammed a fist into the table. Satisfaction. Twice his career has needed to be salvaged. To his critics, Hearns suggests that spiraling feeling "is the highest high and the lowest low. To be on top of the world, then down on the mat, then back on top of the world. God, it's such a feeling.

"Right before I met the President, while I was waiting for that big door to open, I was thinking about it all. Man, me, a skinny guy from the east side of Detroit meeting the President. I wasn't nervous. I was amazed. I used to have to ride the bus across town to the gym, to the Kronk. Every day. I hated that bus; I called it the Iron Pimp. Now I was at the White House. Damn. If you don't give up, you can do just about everything."

And his immense pride oozed back into the predicament of the future.

"See boxing is my business. It's what I do to make a living. But now, things are different. I'm holding the dice. I'm not waiting for nobody. If you want to know what made me come back after those two losses, it is this. I had to get back in the position where nobody could dictate to me. Now, I don't need Ray Leonard or Marvin Hagler. Now, whether they want to believe it or not, they need me."

Hearns repeats again he wants to fight each. Whomever comes first doesn't matter. He also is quick to add he won't do anything for free.

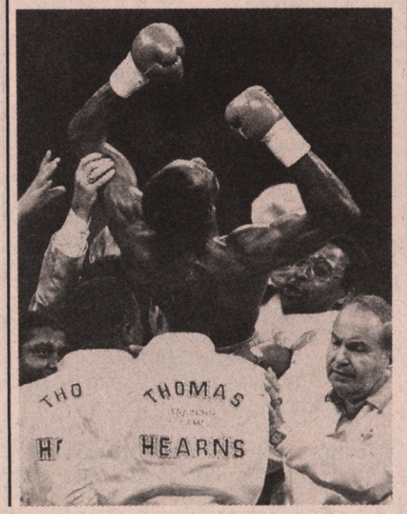
"Boxing is my business, like I said. Either of those two fights would make a lot of money because it is what the people want. It is what they want so bad that they will pay to see it. If only one or both of those two guys will do it. See, I don't have no wife that I have to ask if it's OK to fight again. I don't have nobody I can use as an excuse. I'm not scared."

Hearns backs off, perhaps realizing he was starting to sound like one half of the standard pre-fight hyperbole so common these days. And as he relents, he reverses field.

"I went from 148 pounds to 173 pounds back down to 160. That's what? Up 25 pounds then down 13. I think that's a great accomplishment and I'm sorry if everyone doesn't appreciate it. I know it's something Ray Leonard would never consider. Do you think Hagler would ever consider trying to get down to 148? I can't believe people would try to find something wrong with my achievement," Hearns said.

The decade of Tommy Hearns — he began his pro career on the day after Thanksgiving in 1977 — is over. Time to

The thrill of victory. Hearns is lifted aloft by his handlers following his sensational kayo over Roldan in Las Vegas.



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start a new one, he said.

"It has all been for a purpose. The way things happen and the order they happen. If I had beat Leonard, if I had beat Hagler, if I was undefeated, things would not be as good. I'm a better person for it all. I know what defeat is. I am bigger because I have had to scramble and survive when I was down. I have had to learn how to hang on. But know what—I'm still here. And I'm better. I'm 29, a young man with a lot of places to go. Still a lot of places to go."

Then there is almost an inaudible click. Like Tommy Hearns is changing channels again. Seeing something neither inside nor outside his home. A blur of mental inventory. Steward and Prentiss Byrd—the two constants in his career, advisors and trainers and friends. The early days, when carefully selected opponents were destroyed and The Hit Man image grew huge. The stunning disappointment of the Leonard fight, falling through the ring ropes, losing a fight the judges' cards said he was winning. The long comeback, the waiting games. The time on the Carson Show when Hearns was so nervous he couldn't hit the speed bag right ("That's another rematch I'd like"). The savage disposal of Roberto Duran that set up the eight minutes of barbarity with Hagler. And that numbing disappointment, carried to his ring stool by a bodyguard in a tuxedo, truly the Hurt Man. And then the second long climb. The prize winnings have been held onto, invested wisely. The aura has had the dents hammered back out. It is, as Thomas Hearns said, "like a new life. Like a warm summer day has landed on top of me and won't go away. I'm 29 but I'm younger. When I'm 30, when I'm 35 — who knows? It still might be that same warm day."

The look is now clean-cut. No more blown-out Afro. No more greasy kid stuff, Jerri-curls. It is now business suits and close-cropped hair. The beard is for show, for menacing opponents, the last vestige of The Hit Man. The passion of race cars has been put aside. His top-fuel dragster, The Hitmobile, is in a garage with no plans soon for use. The Lamborghinis, with the two fuel tanks and the speedometer that registers three times the legal limit, have been sold.

"Those kind of cars are like wild horses. They belong in a pasture or somewhere where they can be allowed to run free. Detroit and its traffic lights on every corner is no place for a Lamborghini."

His little daughter is his favorite toy. His job no longer dominates his life. Things have become more patient for Tommy Hearns. And so, a few days before Thanksgiving, he reflects. The 10 years of the Hit Man fast-forward, then rewind. Is there a place to throw a flag of perspective? A moment that stands out above the rest?

The question bothers Hearns. He scowls. Then blinks and his somberness overwhelms.

"James Shuler," he said in almost a whisper. "I think I learned so much about life in that one week."

On March 10, 1986, Hearns knocked out Shuler in the first round and won the North American Boxing Federation middleweight title. It took 73 seconds. Until then, the whispers were that Tommy Hearns was on his way out. The loss to Hagler had stolen his heart. His fragile hands could no longer wield damage. It took 73 seconds to make all the clouds go away.

"Then just a couple days later," Hearns said, "James Shuler was dead."

A motorcycle accident and funeral in Philadelphia. Hearns walked up to the casket and laid the heavy belt he had just won upon it.

"That funeral touched me. It affected me. James Shuler was a nice man and young. So damn young. To see him go was hard. It opened my eyes. It showed me I had to be ready for the next day. Not the next year. Make your plans, live your dreams. But be ready for the next day. It's the most precious, the most valuable."

With that, the thought turned to Natasha. The Hit Man had to excuse himself. He had a phone call to make. And the once-menacing hands that have ravaged a generation of fighters in four divisions were almost dainty as the number was dialed.

Just a call to say hello. Daddy and daughter, giggling on the phone. In December, Johnny Carson has asked him back. In January, a vacation trip to the Far East and Orient. Then, back to work, his business. Enough history; time for economics. The boxer, the puncher, always the fighter.

"Still got those places I need to go. People I need to meet . . . again." □

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THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF THOMAS HEARNS

Detroit, Michigan middleweight
Born: October 18, 1958 (Memphis, Tennessee)
Height: 6-1
Manager: Emanuel Steward

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1977		
Nov. 25	Jerome Hill	Detroit	KO2
Dec. 7	Jerry Strickland	Mt. Clemens	KO3
Dec. 16	Willie Wren	Detroit	KO3
	1978		
Jan. 29	Anthony House	Detroit	KO2
Feb. 10	Robert Adams	Detroit	KO3
Feb. 17	Billy Goodwin	Detroit	TKO2
Mar. 17	Ray Fields	Detroit	TKO2
Mar. 31	Tyrone Phelps	Saginaw	KO3
June 8	Jimmy Rothwell	Detroit	KO1
July 20	Raul Aguirre	Detroit	KO3
Aug. 3	Eddie Marcelle	Detroit	KO2
Sep. 7	Bruce Finch	Detroit	KO3
Oct. 26	Pedro Rojas	Detroit	TKO1
Dec. 9	Rudy Barro	Detroit	KO4
	1979		
Jan. 13	Clyde Gray	Detroit	TKO10
Jan. 31	Sammy Ruckard	Detroit	TKO8
Mar. 3	Segundo Murillo	Detroit	TKO8
Apr. 3	Alfonso Hayman	Philadelphia	W10
May 20	Harold Weston Jr.	Las Vegas	TKO6
June 28	Bruce Curry	Detroit	KO3
Aug. 23	Mao DeLa Rosa	Detroit	TKO2
Sep. 22	Jose Figueroa	Los Angeles	KO3
Oct. 18	Saensak Muangsurin	Detroit	TKO3
Nov. 30	Mike Colbert	New Orleans	W10
	1980		
Feb. 3	Jim Richards	Las Vegas	KO3
Mar. 2	Angel Espada	Detroit	TKO4
	(Won vacant USBA welterweight title)		
Mar. 31	Santiago Valdez	Las Vegas	TKO1
May 3	Eddie Gazo	Detroit	KO1
Aug. 2	Pipino Cuevas	Detroit	TKO2
	(Won WBA welterweight title)		
Dec. 6	Luis Primera	Detroit	KO6
	(Retained WBA welterweight title)		
	1981		
Apr. 25	Randy Shields	Phoenix	TKO13
	(Retained WBA welterweight title)		
June 25	Pablo Baez	Houston	TKO4
	(Retained WBA welterweight title)		
Sep. 16	Ray Leonard	Las Vegas	TKOby14
	(For world welterweight title)		
Dec. 11	Ernie Singletary	Nassau	W10
	1982		
Feb. 27	Marcos Geraldo	Las Vegas	KO1
July 25	Jeff McCracken	Detroit	TKO8
Dec. 3	Wilfred Benitez	New Orleans	W15
	(Won WBC super welterweight title)		
	1983		
July 10	Murray Sutherland	Atlantic City	W10
	1984		
Feb. 11	Luigi Minchillo	Detroit	W12
	(Retained WBC super welterweight title)		
June 15	Roberto Duran	Las Vegas	KO2
	(Retained WBC title and won WBA jr. middleweight title)		
Sep. 15	Fred Hutchings	Saginaw	TKO3
	(Retained WBC & WBA titles)		
	1985		
Apr. 15	Marvin Hagler	Las Vegas	TKOby3
	(For world middleweight title)		
	1986		
Mar. 10	James Shuler	Las Vegas	KO1
June 23	Mark Medal	Las Vegas	TKO8
	(Retained WBC super welterweight title)		
Oct. 17	Doug DeWitt	Detroit	W12
	(Retained NABF middleweight title)		
	1987		
Mar. 7	Dennis Andries	Detroit	TKO10
	(Won WBC light heavyweight title)		
Oct. 29	Juan Roldan	Las Vegas	KO4
	(Won WBC middleweight title)		

SUMMARY

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KOs
47	45	2	0	38

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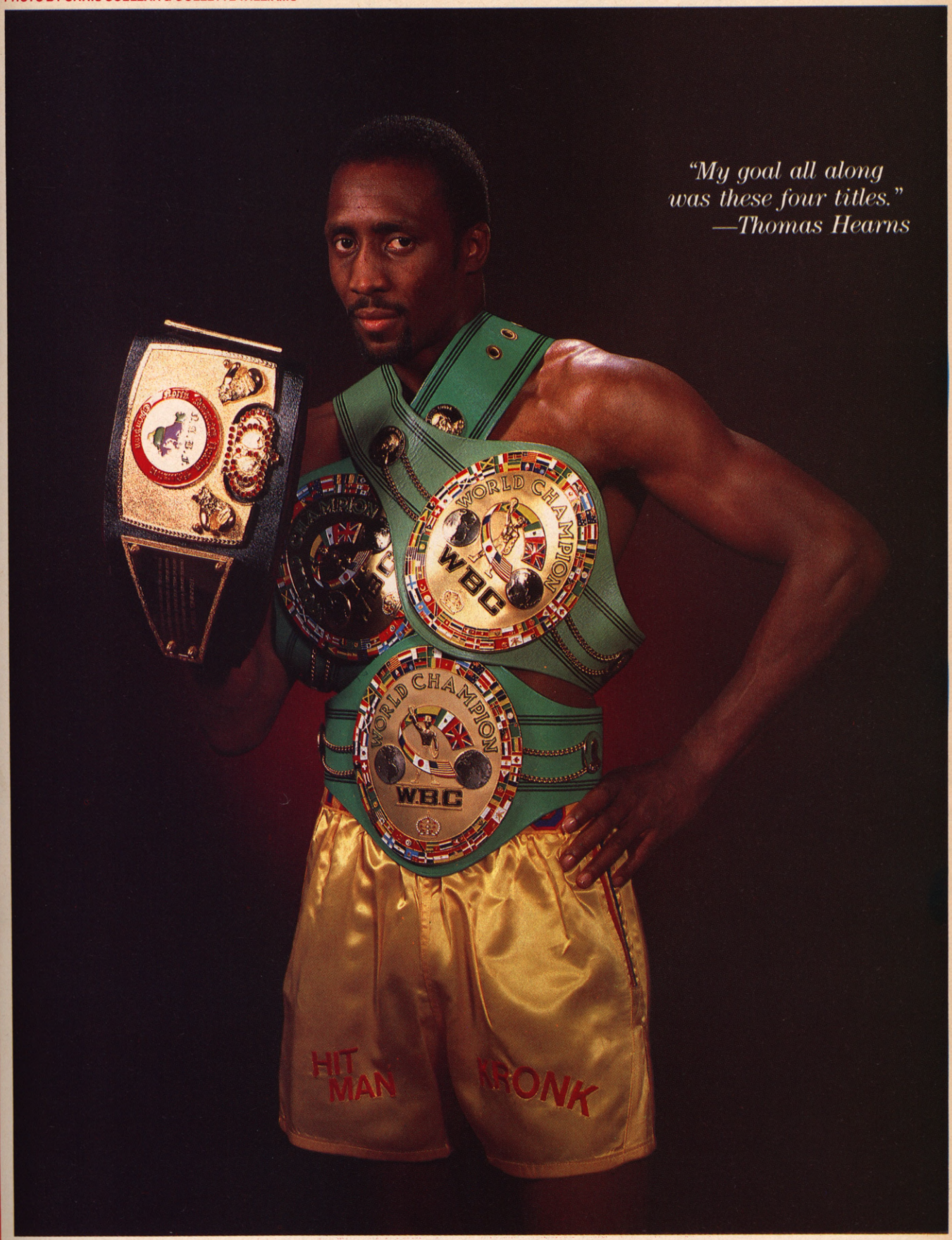

The RING RATINGS AS OF DECEMBER 3, 1987

HEAVYWEIGHTS (No Weight Limit) WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS	St. Louis, Mo.
1. **Mike Tyson**	Catskill, N.Y.
2. **Evander Holyfield**	Atlanta, Ga.
3. **Tony Tucker**	Grand Rapids, Mich.
4. **Tim Witherspoon**	Philadelphia, Pa.
5. **Pinklon Thomas**	Pontiac, Michigan
6. **Carl Williams**	New York
7. **Trevor Berbick**	Florida
8. **Adilson Rodrigues**	Brazil
9. **Tyrell Biggs**	Philadelphia, Pa.
10. **Mike Weaver**	Diamond Bar, Cal.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS (Not Over 175 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT	
1. **Charles Williams**	Mansfield, Ohio
2. **Virgil Hill**	Grand Forks, N.D.
3. **Bobby Czyz**	New Jersey
4. **Leslie Stewart**	Trinidad
5. **Dennis Andries**	England
6. **Ramzi Hassan**	Campo, Cal.
7. **Don Lalonde**	Canada
8. **Chong-Pal Park**	Korea
9. **Lindell Holmes**	Detroit, Mich.
10. **Joe Lasisi**	Nigeria

MIDDLEWEIGHTS (Not Over 160 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT	
1. **Thomas Hearns**	Detroit, Michigan
2. **Marvin Hagler**	Brockton, Mass.
3. **Frank Tate**	Houston, Texas
4. **Sumbu Kalambay**	Italy
5. **Mike McCallum**	Jamaica
6. **Michael Nunn**	Sherman Oaks, Cal.
7. **Michael Olajide**	Canada
8. ***Iran Barkley***	New York, N.Y.
9. ***Matthew Hilton***	Canada
10. ***Herol Graham***	England

WELTERWEIGHTS (Not Over 147 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

JORGE VACA	Mexico
1. **Marlon Starling**	Hartford, Conn.
2. **Lloyd Honeyghan**	England
3. **Maurice Blocker**	Washington, D.C.
4. **Mark Breland**	Brooklyn, N.Y.
5. **Simon Brown**	Washington, D.C.
6. **Rollin Williams**	Phoenix, Az.
7. **Juan Martin Coggi**	Argentina
8. **Tyrone Trice**	Detroit, Mich.
9. **Roger Mayweather**	Las Vegas, Nevada
10. **Frankie Warren**	Corpus Christi, Tx.

LIGHTWEIGHTS (Not Over 135 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT	
1. **Julio Cesar Chavez**	Mexico
2. **Vinny Pazienza**	Cranston, R.I.
3. **Pernell Whitaker**	Norfolk, Va.
4. **Jose Luis Ramirez**	Mexico
5. **Edwin Rosario**	Puerto Rico
6. **Meldrick Taylor**	Philadelphia, Pa.
7. **Greg Haugen**	Auburn, Wash.
8. **Primo Ramos**	Mexico
9. **Rocky Lockridge**	Mt. Laurel, N.J.
10. **Amancio Castro**	Colombia

FEATHERWEIGHTS (Not Over 126 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA	Venezuela
1. **Azumah Nelson**	Ghana
2. **Steve Cruz**	Ft. Worth, Texas
3. **Calvin Grove**	Coatesville, Pa.
4. **Jeff Fenech**	Australia
5. **Julio Gervacio**	Dominican Republic
6. **Victor Callejas**	Puerto Rico
7. **Hector Lopez**	Glendale, Cal.
8. **Marcos Villasana**	Mexico
9. **Antonio Rivera**	Puerto Rico
10. **Louie Espinoza**	Phoenix, Az.

BANTAMWEIGHTS (Not Over 118 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT	
1. **Miguel Lora**	Colombia
2. **Kaosai Galaxy**	Thailand
3. **Sugar Baby Rojas**	Colombia
4. **Kelvin Seabrooks**	Charlotte, N.C.
5. **Raul Perez**	Mexico
6. **Wilfredo Vasquez**	Puerto Rico
7. **Santos Laciar**	Argentina
8. **Gilberto Roman**	Mexico
9. **Frankie Duarte**	Venice, California
10. **Gaby Canizales**	Laredo, Texas

FLYWEIGHTS (Not Over 112 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

SOT CHITALADA	Thailand
1. **Jung-Koo Chang**	Korea
2. **Fidel Bassa**	Colombia
3. **Myung-Woo Yuh**	Korea
4. **Hilario Zapata**	Panama
5. **Chang-Ho Choi**	Korea
6. ***Gabriel Bernal***	*Mexico*
7. ***Dodie Penalosa***	*Philippines*
8. **Paul Gonzales**	Los Angeles, Cal.
9. **Benedicto Murillo**	Panama
10. **Duke McKenzie**	England

The RING CALENDAR MARCH 1988

Mike Tyson

1 **TUESDAY**
1931—Ignacio Ara KO1 Joe Dundee (Dundee's last pro bout)

2 **WEDNESDAY**
1971—Bob Foster KO4 Hal Carroll, retained world light heavy title.

3 **THURSDAY**
1941—Jake LaMotta's pro debut, W4 Charley Mackley.

4 **FRIDAY**
1961—Ray Mancini born Youngstown, Ohio.

5 **SATURDAY**
1954—Paddy DeMarco W15 Jimmy Carter, won world lightweight title.

6 **SUNDAY**
1985—Mike Tyson's pro debut, KO1 Hector Mercedes.

7 **MONDAY**
1978—Lou Bogash died in Bridgeport, Conn.

8 **TUESDAY**
1971—Joe Frazier W15 Muhammad Ali, retained world heavy title.

9 **WEDNESDAY**
1979—Wilfredo Gomez KO5 Nestor Jimenez, retained WBC super bantam title (Gomez's New York City debut).

10 **THURSDAY**
1928—Virgil Akins born, St. Louis, Mo.

11 **FRIDAY**
1961—Carmen Basilio W10 Don Jordan (Basilio's last pro victory).

12 **SATURDAY**
1909—Joe Gans ND10 Jabez White (Gans' last pro bout).

13 **SUNDAY**
1934—Tony Canzoneri W10 Baby Arizmendi.

14 **MONDAY**
1944—Manuel Ortiz W15 Ernesto Aguilar, retained world bantam title.

15 **TUESDAY**
1963—Archie Moore KO3 Mike DeBiase (Moore's last pro bout.

16 **WEDNESDAY**
1966—Calvin Woodland W6 Willie Pep (Pep's last pro bout).

17 **THURSDAY**
1908—Tommy Burns KO1 Jem Roche, retained heavy title (first world title fight held in Ireland).

18 **FRIDAY**
1978—Carlos Palomino KO9 Mimoun Mohatar, retained world welter title.

19 **SATURDAY**
1972—Rafael Herrera KO2 Ruben Olivares, won world bantam title.

20 **SUNDAY**
1922—Luis Angel Firpo KO7 Tom Maxted (Firpo's first bout in USA).

21 **MONDAY**
1982—Aaron Pryor KO12 Miguel Montilla, retained WBA jr. welter title.

22 **TUESDAY**
1967—Muhammad Ali KO7 Zora Folley, retained world heavy title (Ali's last bout until Oct. 26, 1970).

23 **WEDNESDAY**
1913—Sixto Escobar born Barceloneta, Puerto Rico.

24 **THURSDAY**
1962—Emile Griffith KO12 Benny Paret, regained world welter title (Paret died 9 days later of injuries suffered in bout).

25 **FRIDAY**
1958—Ray Robinson W15 Carmen Basilio, regained world middle title, *The Ring's* Fight of the Year.

26 **SATURDAY**
1936—Eder Jofre born Sao Paulo, Brazil.

27 **SUNDAY**
1925—"Red" Herring WF6 "Pinkey" Mitchell, won world jr. welter title.

28 **MONDAY**
1929—Tommy Loughran W10 Mickey Walker, retained light heavy title.

29 **TUESDAY**
1940—Joe Louis KO2 Johnny Paycheck, retained world heavy title.

30 **WEDNESDAY**
1984—Marvelous Marvin Hagler KO10 Juan Domingo Roldan, retained world middleweight title.

31 **THURSDAY**
1897—Jack Johnson born Galveston, Texas.

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HAIL CESAR!

Chavez In A Class By Himself After Battering Rosario For WBA Lightweight Title

by Jack Welsh

IN THE WEEKS LEADING UP TO EDWIN Rosario's latest call to duty, partisans' conversations in and out of the Las Vegas Hilton hotel lobby insisted he came to bury Cesar, not to praise him.

The loquacious pride of Toa Baja, on the Punta Lagoon 20 miles west of San Juan, Puerto Rico, did neither.

In his most courageous stand in eight years as a fist fighter, the 24-year-old defender of the World Boxing Association lightweight crown begrudgingly became the foil in Julio Cesar Chavez's rise to authentic super stardom.

Whether Rosario chooses to fight again is conjecture, but it really doesn't matter. Since last Thanksgiving, Edwin and the 25-year-old wizard of leathered war from Culiacan, Mexico, are forever locked together like Damon and Pythias whenever voluble Latins reflect on fistic classics of their countrymen.

It started in earnest on this side of the border in August, 1981 when the late, great Salvador Sanchez did a huge number on then undefeated Wilfredo Gomez at Caesars Palace to retain his World Boxing Council featherweight title. Gomez, putting his WBC super bantam laurels on hold, made several trips to the canvas and needed radar to find his way out of the ring after eight furious rounds.

Though he remained erect into the 11th round, a shell-shocked Rosario could have used Gomez's radar, or perhaps a seeing-eye dog to help find his way back to the dressing room trailer in the Hilton's parking lot adjacent to the ring.

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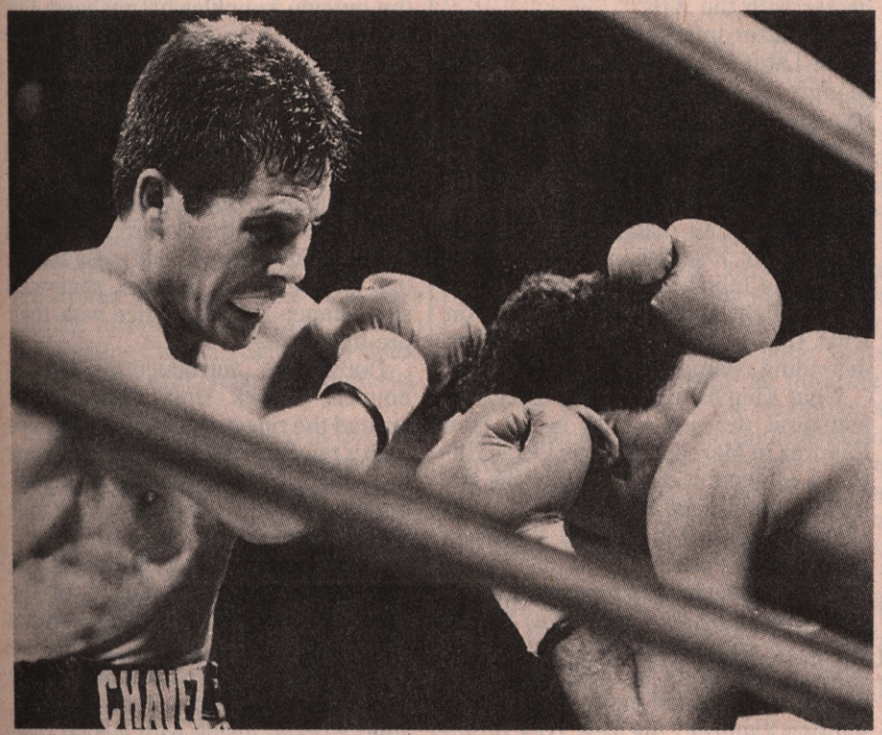
Julio Cesar Chavez (right) dominated Edwin Rosario, finally stopping the Puerto Rican hero in the 11th round to win the WBA lightweight title.

Chavez (left) has Rosario covering up during one of their many close-quarter exchanges. The undefeated Mexican dominated the action, pummeling Rosario in practically every round.



Long before the scheduled 12-round bout was abbreviated, Rosario's left eye was closed shut and his right orb was cut and closing fast. Also, a bad gash inside his upper lip had speckled the unmarked Chavez's torso with blood. An earlier report that Rosario's swollen nose had been fractured in the fight was dispelled by Jimmy Jacobs, Edwin's co-manager along with Bill Cayton.

Chavez, truly brilliant in giving a clinic in all facets of boxing, not only captured Rosario's cherished 135-pound diadem, he seemingly took it jewel by jewel until the handlers of the gallant but ebbing champion wisely aborted the one-side combat at 2:36 of the 11th round before 8,151 spectators who created an $816,500 live gate.

As brutally competent as Chavez was in driving Rosario into the corners and keeping him there with hooks and uppercuts, the mustachioed Puerto Rican was a heart-rending study of True Grit and futile desperation in trying to muster a miracle.

Inside the ropes it was a cauldron for the combatants and their unbroken continuity of skilled violence had the sweatered assembly ignoring a 45-degree temperature on the desert floor.

Gomez was a 2½-1 favorite to dethrone Sanchez and failed. Despite the theory Chavez would have a problem moving up from his nine-defense reign as WBC super featherweight ruler, Nevada's licensed bookmakers installed the unobtrusive Mexican as an 8-5 choice a week before the first bell. Betting action on both champions was brisk at the $10,000 level, but 48 hours before the fight, Art Manteris, who directs the Hilton's super sports book, raised the limit to $20,000. Two-way action continued by the late rush was Rosario money.

Whether or not his endless braggadocio was a facade, Rosario pulled out all stops to hype the second defense of the title he won September 26, 1986 with a spectacular two-round demolition of Livingstone Bramble in Miami Beach, Florida. Edwin moved his record to 27-2, 23 KOs August 11 in Chicago when he stopped fellow-islander Juan Nazario in eight rounds.

"Chavez will run like a chicken because he has never faced a quality fighter like me. I can see it in his face that he is afraid and doesn't want to fight," Rosario said of his challenger in a pre-fight media session. "I'll knock

Chavez (left) clips Rosario with a left hook during their Las Vegas duel. The defending champion was dead game, but completely outgunned by the masterful Chavez.

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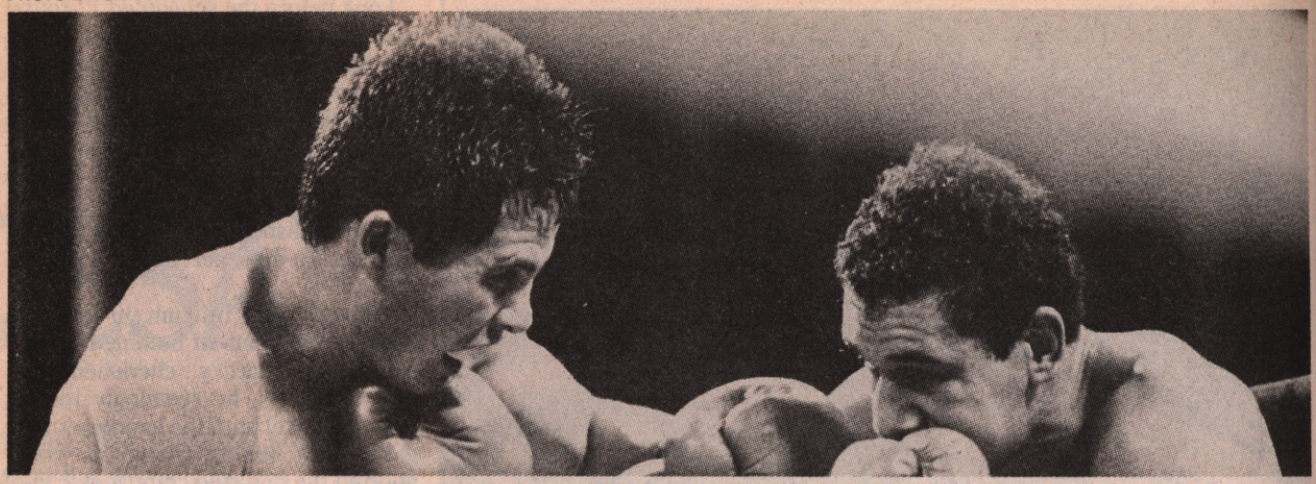

him out by the 10th round. If he comes to me that will make it easier. If he does that, I'll knock him out by the third round."

Chavez, aided by interpreter Eddie Mafus, tried to retain his cool: "He claims I'm a coward after winning 54 straight bouts. Rosario quit against Jose Luis Ramirez (losing his WBC title on a four-round kayo November 3, 1984 in San Juan), and I will make him quit too. That's the way it is with Puerto Rican fighters, they all talk about knocking people out and wind up getting knocked out themselves."

Rosario only smiled.

"Your witchcraft isn't going to work on me. Chavez is wearing a red tie (actually a ribbon) around his forehead today. Saturday he's going to be wearing it around his neck."

Chavez's parting salvo: "We'll see who is afraid. Come fight time you'll see how bad I am. I'm going to break your ribs."

When it came to pre-fight predictions, Jacobs finished 50-50.

In the accuracy department, Jacobs said: "These are two great young fighters, both of them, in my opinion, the cornerstones of boxing right now. Because they're both such wonderful technical fighters, I think the fight will be decided by punching power."

In error, Jimmy declared, "If not for the beating Edwin gave Hector Camacho, he'd still be in the lightweight division. Now he might chase Julio Cesar Chavez back to the junior lightweight division. I believe that's what is going to happen."

Jacobs, who had been weakened by a virus the week of the fight, and Cayton were gracious after Rosario's dethronement.

"The champion (Chavez) thoroughly won the fight," said Jacobs. "Rosario is disappointed, but he'll recover physically. The best fighter won the fight. I had no complaints the way the referee (Richard Steele) handled the fight."

Cayton added: "I'm sorry Edwin lost, but he lost to a magnificent fighter, a brilliant fighter in Chavez."

Promoter Don King, wearing a three-quarter grey mink coat he might have borrowed from Michael Jackson, capped the fight's post-mortems with some hints about Chavez's future under his promotional banner.

King's toothy smile almost matched the Vegas neon when Chavez proclaimed, "I want to fight for Don King and nobody else . . . no matter what the money is. I also want to finish up my career with the WBC."

The latter inference was the handsome Latin's way of saying he wants to unify the WBC portion held by countryman Ramirez who preceded Chavez as a two-time title winner.

Earlier fight publicity erroneously indicated Chavez had abdicated the WBC 130-pound diadem to challenge Rosario, but Jose Sulaiman, WBC president, said Julio had been given permission to fight and make a decision on what title to keep if he defeated the defending champion.

What King has in mind for Chavez's inaugural defense would be to face Ramirez in March at the Las Vegas Hilton, a projection made despite the latter's commitment to defend his title against undefeated Pernell Whitaker March 12 in Paris.

"The contracts aren't signed for that one (promoted by Dan Duva) yet. It would be stupid for Chavez to defend against somebody for $100,000 when he could make a minimum $500,000 for fighting Ramirez," the New York promoter said. "Knowing Chavez was moving up in weight, the WBC made him their No. 1 contender during their annual meeting in London. That could make it a mandatory defense for Ramirez.

"And the fight would be right here in the Hilton . . . it couldn't happen anywhere else. I have a commitment with the Hilton and no matter what, there wouldn't be any other location. We have a strong relationship. The Hilton have never broken their word to me and I'm keeping mine with them."

Though Chavez could have passed for a choir boy on his way to church, the new champion winced slightly in extending his right hand.

"Sometime in the fifth round, I hurt the outside knuckles on my hand. I've bruised it before, but by March, I'll be ready to unify the title, Chavez said.

Considering the ferocity he employed in dispatching Rosario, it's surprising both hands weren't throbbing at the end.

Unlike Sanchez and Gomez, King's logoed "Duel in the Desert" was minus the colorful mariachi and salsa bands, but Chavez and Rosario generated some fancy ringside lyrics with their pre-fight attire.

During the introductions by announcer Chuck Hull, Chavez spun around the ring under a giant sombrero with a rainbow-colored sarape blowing in a slight breeze. Rosario was well-bundled in a red, white and blue robe with a star of Puerto Rico on the hood.

The usual exploratory feints and jabs dominated the early minute of the opening round. Rosario scored with a solid right and a combination before Chavez countered on the move as they fought along the ropes. Before the bell, Julio worked inside with a good right

uppercut. Rosario probably didn't know it then, but that sequence would become the fight's trademark.

Edwin also couldn't know that Michigan judge Bob Watson gave him only the first round with Chavez sweeping the rest for a 99-91 tally. Judge Al Tremari of Chicago saw Rosario's best work only good enough to earn an even share of the points in the third and seventh rounds for a 100-92 total. Las Vegas judge Jerry Roth surprisingly gave the champion the third and sixth rounds in fashioning a 98-92 scorecard. *The Ring*'s tally for Chavez read 99-91, Rosario only winning the third round.

By the end of the second round, Rosario must have been gagging on the pre-fight slander of his tormentor. Julio was a bulldog, dropping his curly head on Rosario's shoulder and viciously gunning him in the body. Rosario's jabs were short as Chavez twice pinned him in his own corner. The champion looked like he was trying to spot somebody in the crowd the way his head snapped up when Chavez delivered double uppercuts. For the second time, Rosario threw a punch after the bell.

"I knew in the second round I would win the fight. Rosario hit me a couple of times and it felt like a tap. From the start my strategy was to go to the body. You can't give Rosario punching room, you have to stay close to him," Chavez explained.

Midway in the third round, Chavez, 134¾, made Rosario, 135, do a funny little step when he caught him with a straight left. Moments later, Julio scored with a series of rights to the jaw as the champion tried to come underneath. Rosario was straightened up by an uppercut at the bell.

It may not have shown for HBO viewers around the country, but ringsiders got the message clearly that Rosario was fighting Chavez's fight, both inside and outside, with no apparent alternative for escape.

"Keeping Rosario pinned in the corners and on the ropes wasn't that big of a problem because I know how to fight on the ropes," Chavez advised. "It was a very hard fight for me, not my hardest, but it was a tough one. Rosario is a good fighter, he has a strong body."

Chavez was back digging to the body early in the fifth round while Rosario was unable to avoid combinations to the head via shoulder feints. The crowd roared when Julio snapped Edwin's head back with a left-right and then drove Rosario into his corner before the bell.

Rosario's left eye was beginning to swell by the sixth round and the pace was beginning to tell on the gamester as blood seeped from his well-hammered nose. Literally cornered every round when Chavez returned to the trenches, the weary Rosario had no visible power by the seventh round.

How Rosario survived the stormy eighth round can only be debated.

Chavez opened with a best of the night right-left to the head and didn't give the frustrated Rosario a target as he worked up on his toes. Rosario was now either lunging to punch or clutching Chavez to smother Chavez's punches. Before the bell, Julio almost put Rosario down twice with mean left-rights to the head, knocking his mouthpiece across the ring and inflicting cuts inside the mouth.

"Every time I hit Rosario in the body or the side, I knew I had him because his mouth was wide open and he'd make a noise," Chavez said. "Rosario never quit trying and he really hurt me once in the 10th round, not with a right, but a left. I was skeptical, so I went right back to the body."

There were murmurs throughout the crowd to "stop it" in the 10th round as Rosario, blinded and bleeding, had spent everything but his magnificent courage.

Between the 10th and 11th rounds, referee Richard Steele had Dr. Flip Homasky of the Nevada State Athletic Commission check Rosario. The decision was one more round, perhaps a strange edict considering Rosario was far behind and had no chance of scoring the knockout he needed.

Rushing out of his corner, Chavez again drove a floundering Rosario into a neutral corner with combinations, but it was those wicked body shots which wobbled Edwin at mid-ring. Another punch drove the champion's mouthpiece back to the floor. Rosario groped to tie his man up. Chavez drove Rosario across the ring and along the ropes, following up with a final salvo of eight unanswered punches to the head.

Just as Steele moved in to take a close look at the battered champion, Lalo Medina, Rosario's trainer, stepped onto the ring apron to drop a towel over the ropes.

Chavez, with his beautiful bride, the former Albamalia Carrasco, looking on in admiration, was pleased he was able to squelch the skeptics who figured moving up from the 130-pound division would be too much.

"When I held the other title, I always had to lose six or seven pounds to get down to the limit and it would weaken me," Julio said. "For Rosario, I felt stronger than I ever have before. I knew people had confidence in me and in my heart, I knew I was a natural 135-pounder. It also helped me to hear the people yelling, 'Mec-hic-co.' It gave me motivation to drive.

"This time I was at my natural weight. I knew all along I would beat Rosario. The way he was going around before the fight telling everybody he was going to beat me told me that he was really scared. And after I hit him a few times in the fight, I knew I had him."

Sugar Ray Leonard, who was part of the HBO-TV crew along with Larry Merchant and Barry Tompkins, was greatly impressed with Chavez's all-around talent.

"He had a plan and he went out and executed it. There's nobody in the lightweight division now to beat Chavez. I hear he might move up to the 140-pound class. If he does, he'll mop up."

King, who, along with the Hilton and HBO reportedly paid Rosario $500,000 while Chavez earned $300,000, added a little fanfare in the conference room by peeling off 10 $100 bills as a bonus for Chavez scoring a knockout.

"Julio Cesar Chavez has made an indelible stamp on the boxing world and he will go forth in the future trying to emulate Salvador Sanchez's accomplishments," the promoter predicted. "And nobody can shortchange Edwin Rosario on courage and tenacity. He was fighting to the end. This fight proved to be bigger than its hype."

With Sugar Ray Leonard insisting he'll stay retired and Michael Spinks in limbo waiting for Mike Tyson, who served as Rosario's waterboy, boxing superstars are currently conspicuous by their absence in most weight classes. Yet the emergence of Chavez and the dearth of qualified peers brings to mind what football coach Bum Phillips said when asked to rate dynamo running back Earl Campbell when both were with the Houston Oilers: "Whatever class Earl's in, it doesn't take long to call the roll." The same can now be said for Chavez. □

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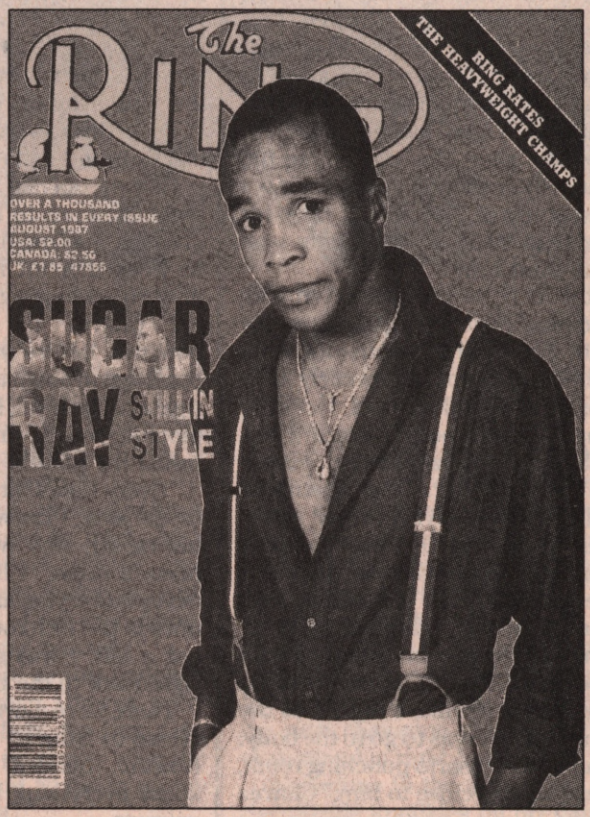

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WORLDWIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Eddie Richardson W10 Dean Waters
Horace Notice KO3 Paul Lister
Hughroy Currie W12 Noel Quarless
Craig Bodzianowski KO2 Al Houck
Jerry Halstead W10 Keith McMurry
Bert Cooper TKO6 Andre McCall
George Foreman TKO4 Tim Anderson
Johnny DuPlooy KO10 Rickey Parkey
James Douglas KO2 Donnie Long
Trevor Berbick W10 Bobbie Evans
Donovan Ruddock TKO4 Eddie Richardson
Dwain Bonds TKO8 Henry Tillman
Mike Weaver TKO8 Johnny DuPlooy

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

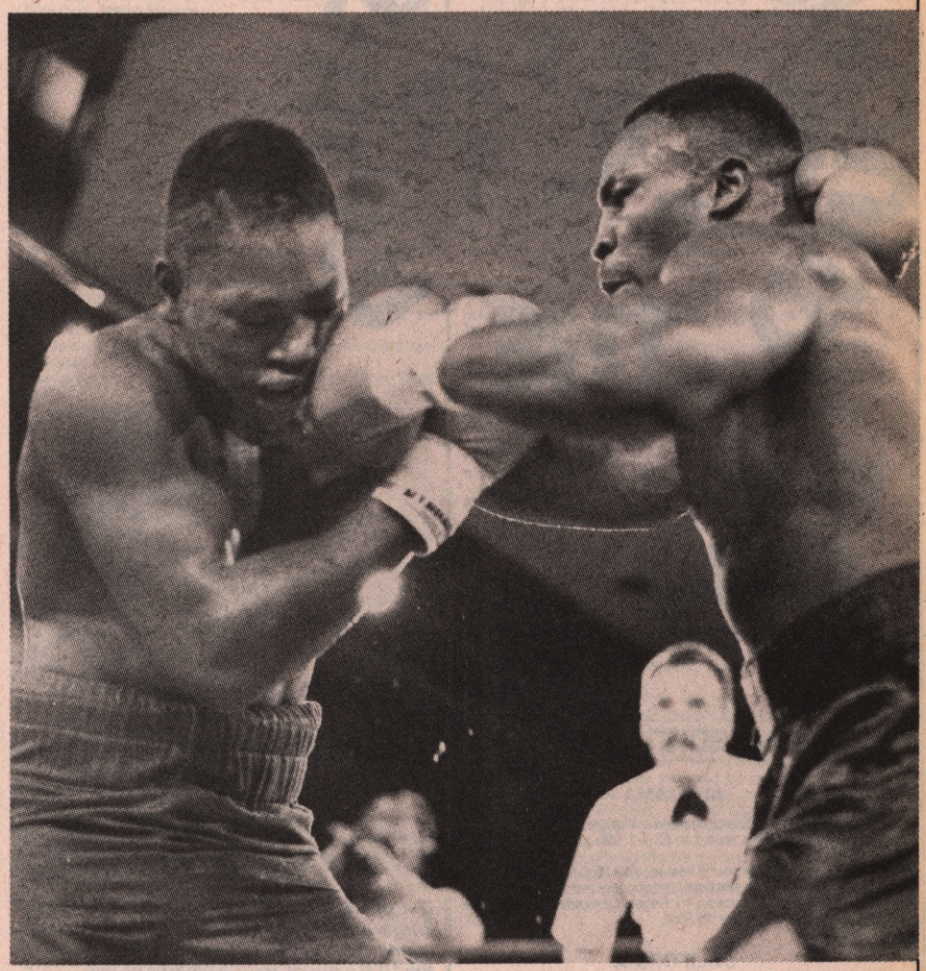
Don LaLonde KO2 Eddie Davis
(Won WBC Title)
Frank Minton D10 Guy Waters
Lenny LaPaglia TKO3 Dean Moore
Chris Reid TKO4 Irwin Hines
Don Lee W10 Randy Smith
Virgil Hill W12 Rufino Angulo
(Retained WBA Title)
Tom Collins KO2 Alex Blanchard
Kemper Morton TKO6 Tony Curovic

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Tyrone Moore TKO6 Oscar Casten
Troy Waters KO10 Benito Fernandez
Nobuyki Tabata KO2 Hidenobu Sasaki
Paul Thorn W12 Knox Brown
Hardy Jones TKO6 Mike Pollitt
Doug DeWitt W13 Tony Thornton
Charles Oosthuzgen TKO8 Terry Magee
Kevin Watts D10 Tyrone Frazier
Julian Jackson TKO3 In-Chul Baek
(Won WBA Jr. Middleweight Title)
Milton McCrory KO2 Jerome Kelly
Muhammad Eltassi W12 Kelly Perlette

WELTERWEIGHTS

Jerry Page TKO1 Alfredo Cerda
Meldrick Taylor KO2 Richard Fowler
Hiroyuki Yoshino KO1 Masatoshi Takeshi
Harold Brazier KO2 Rafael Sanchez
Tony Martin TKO8 Charlie "Choo Choo" Brown
Derrick Kelly W10 Luis Santana
Hugh Kearney D10 Derwin Richards
Roger Mayweather TKO5 Rene Arredondo
(Won WBC Jr. Welterweight Title)
Fred Skouma WF7 Hugo Marinangeli
Harold Volbrecht W10 Paul Toweel
Donovan Boucher TKO11 Wayne Gordon
Tyrone Trice TKO1 Mike English
Martin Quiroz TKO2 Jesse Lopez Jr.
Harry Arroyo TKO5 Nick Parker
Lloyd Christie KO1 Chris Blake



Bert Cooper slams a left hook into Andre McCall's face en route to a sixth-round TKO victory in Atlantic City. Cooper improved his record to 17-2 with 14 KOs.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Lupe Suarez TKO9 Tommy Cordova
Michael Benjamin W12 Jeff Roberts
Fusao Imai W10 Mutsumi Suzuki
Iwao Otomo TKO7 Wolf Sato
Victorio Belcher TKO6 Darren McGrew
Ed Parker D10 Myron Taylor
Harold Knight TKO11 Erskine Wade
Jean-Marc Renard TKO7 John Farrell
Julio Cesar Chavez TKO11 Edwin Rosario
(Won WBA Title)
Amancio Castro W10 Alfredo Layne
Abraham Martinez W10 Benny Marquez

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Javier Marquez KO8 Juan Meza
Jesse Benavides KO4 Mike Moreno
Vincenzo Limatola TKO9 Carlo Quintano
Steve McCrory KO7 Tony Montoya
Julio Gervacio W12 Louie Espinosa
(Won WBA Jr. Featherweight Title)
Orlando Fernandez W10 Javier Pichardo

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Dong-Chun Lee KO8 Rey Tarosa Jr.
Gilberto Roman KO4 Jorge Ramirez
Albert Davila Tech.Dec.3 Juan Jose Estrada
Miguel Lora W12 Ray Minus
(Retained WBC Title)
Angel Rosario TKO2 Jose Gallegos
Juan Carazo W10 Diego Avila
Gaby Canizales W12 Louis Curtis
Kelvin Seabrooks TKO4 Ernie Cantaluna
(Retained IBF Title)

FLYWEIGHTS

Roland Gomez W12 Gilbert Contreras
Chang-Woo Hong KO6 Byung-Kap Kim
Orlando Canizales TKO4 Armando Velasco
Luis Monzote W10 Amado Urzua
Francisco Tejedor W10 Jose Castillo

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

ALABAMA

▶**MOBILE**—South Bend, Indiana's Victorio "The Desert Fox" Belcher improved his record to 23-1-1 with a six-round TKO of Darren McGrew.

Belcher, at 136 one pound heavier than McGrew, had a seven-inch reach advantage and beat his opponent to the punch easily.

Belcher's only loss came to Angel Hernandez, who won a 10-round decision in Puerto Rico.
(11-2-87)

CALIFORNIA

▶**LONG BEACH—Spruce Goose Dome**—John Montes, 140, Anaheim, kayoed Walter Sims, 139¾, Van Nuys, in 1:09 of the second of a scheduled 12 to retain his California jr. welterweight title. Montes (35-4) floored Sims (22-5-2) in the opening seconds with a double left hook, and the challenger never recovered. Left hooks also sent Sims down late in the first and twice in the second. Rudy Jordan, referee.

Japanese newcomer Katsumi Komiyama, 109, Osaka, won a majority decision over Rogelio Martinez, 109, Los Angeles, five. Scores were 48-48 (Jordan); 48-47 (Kenny Davis); and 50-46 Chuck Hassett. Tony Guitron, referee.

Debuting Enio Franco, 124, Los Angeles, survived a first-round knockdown and stopped Fernando Garcia, 124, East Los Angeles, on cuts in the fourth and final round. Gutiron, referee.

Hard-hitting Jon Cureton, 158, Los Angeles, won his second professional bout by stopping Caleb Ramos, 155, Oxnard, in 14 seconds of the third of a scheduled four. Ramos (1-4) was down twice. Davis, referee.

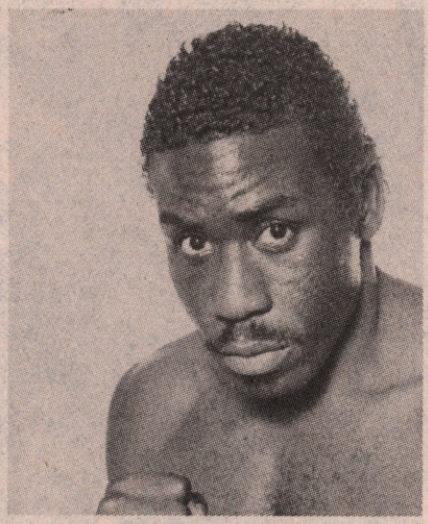
Debuting Philip Ortiz, 132, Los Angeles, flattened Ricardo Cruz, 135, Highland, in 1:51 of the second of a scheduled four. Davis, referee.

Sim Warrior, 215, Los Angeles, was ahead 29-28 on all cards when an exhausted Thor Jenkins, 200, Los Angeles, was rescued by referee Davis in 2:44 of the fourth and final round. Both were first-time pros.

Physician: Dr. Michael Deluca.
Timekeeper: John Liechty.
Announcer: Danny Valdivia.
Matchmaker: John Cabrera.
Promoter: Don Fraser.
(9-16-87)

▶**INGLEWOOD—The Forum**—Lindell Holmes, 164, Detroit, pounded courageous Jorge Amparo, 168, Las Vegas, over 12 rounds to retain his USBA super middleweight title. Holmes (34-5-1) dominated, hurting Amparo often, but Amparo's only visit to the canvas came with seconds remaining. Scoring: Pat Russell 118-109; Henry Elespuru 117-109; Gwen Adair 117-110. Robert Byrd, referee.

Dio Colome, 147, Los Angeles, flattened Floyd Peavy, 145, San Antonio, with a tremendous right hand in 2:58 of the sixth of a scheduled 10-round Forum welterweight tournament bout. Always in control, Colome (20-4) also floored Peavy (15-3) in the second. Dr. James Jen-Kin, referee.



Detroit's Lindell Holmes couldn't finish game Jorge Amparo, but Holmes had little trouble winning a decision over 12 rounds to retain his USBA super middleweight crown.

Body shots took their toll on Rickey Locke, 162, Bakersfield, who was halted by Willie Wilson, 164, Campo, in 55 seconds of the seventh of a crowd-pleasing scheduled 10. Locke (8-17-2) stayed competitive with flashy combinations. But the powerful Wilson (11-1-1) was ahead on points when referee Larry Rozadilla stepped in.

Promising newcomer Lalo Velasquez, 130, San Gabriel, stopped Ernesto Mota, 131, Los Angeles, on a cut right eye in 1:45 of the third of a scheduled four. Raul Caiz, referee.

Debuting Dennis Ross, 178, Gardena, unanimously outpointed Ashad Muhammad, 178, Los Angeles, four. Scoring: Rozadilla 40-37; Jen-Kin 39-38; Caiz 39-38. Vince Delgado, referee.

An apparent fourth-round slip ruled a knockdown by referee Caiz made Lonnie Bryant, 127, San Diego, a one-point majority winner over previously unbeaten Andres Meza, 126, South El Monte, four. Scoring: Jen-Kin 39-38; Delgado 39-39; Rozadilla 39-38.

Abe Gomez, 128, Arleta, knocked out Uriel Galvan, 126, Los Angeles, at 1:27 of the first of a scheduled four. Gomez (6-0) scored two knockdowns. Delgado, referee.

Physicians: Dr. Bernhart Schwartz & Dr. Robert Karns.
Timekeepers: Ernie Snow & Mike Millsap.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.
Matchmaker: Antonio Curtis.
Promoter: Jerry Buss.
(9-16-87)

▶**SAN DIEGO—El Cortez Hotel**—Irving Mitchell, 128, San Diego, had to go the full 10 rounds to win a much tougher than expected majority decision over former top amateur Pedro Nolasco, 128, Los Angeles. Mitchell rallied in the final rounds for his 31st win in 36 fights, while Nolasco, a bronze medalist in the 1984 Olympics for the Dominican Republic, fell to 4-4 as a professional. Scoring: Danny Millsap 96-95; Vince Delgado 96-94; Larry Rozadilla 96-96. Frank Rustich, referee.

Unbeaten puncher Jorge Rivera, 142, Mexicali, defeated Dickie Green, 148, San Diego, who was disqualified for "failing to give his best" in the second of a scheduled four. Green (0-4) was down in the first. Delgado, referee.—

Debuting William Bolton, 255, San Diego, kayoed Parris Flowers, 195, San Diego, in 2:59 of the second of a scheduled four. Referee Delgado counted out Flowers (2-3).

Unbeaten (4-0) Juan Marchena, 132, Ensenada, won a hard-fought unanimous decision over debuting Robert Smith, 132, San Diego, four. Scoring: Rustich 39-37; Millsap 39-37; Hal Rickards 40-36. Rozadilla, referee.

Tosand Jewell, 159½, Los Angeles, knocked out Greg Leggett, 160½, Pasadena, with a right hand in 1:19 of the first of a scheduled four. Both were first-time pros. Delgado, referee.

More polished Francisco Chavez, 115, Huntington Beach, unanimously outpointed crowd-pleaser Ramiro Garcia, 115, Blythe, four. Scoring: Rustich 39-37; Millsap 39-37; Delgado 40-36. Rozadilla, referee.

Physician: Dr. William Lundeen.
Timekeeper: Mike Millsap.
Announcer: Ernie Swanks.
Matchmaker: Eric Bonilla.
Promoter: Lilian DePhilippis.
(9-17-87)

▶**IRVINE—Marriott Hotel**—Former featherweight contender Rocky Garcia, 130, Placentia, won a 10-round unanimous decision over game Greg Puente, 130, Alhambra. Puente (8-4-4) was aggressive and strong, but the more skilled Garcia (28-7-2) finished strongly, winning four of the last five rounds. Puente suffered a cut over his right eye in the fourth which bled for the remainder of the night. Scoring: Pat Connolly 99-92; Tony Guitron 96-94; Chuck Hassett 97-93. Larry Rozadilla, referee.

Hugo Anguiano, 127, Los Angeles, matched Daniel Garcia, 125, Los Angeles, punch for punch, but still came away on the short end of a six-round unanimous decision. Anguiano (9-9-1) fought an uphill battle after losing two points for low blows in the first. Garcia improved his record to 8-5-1. Scoring: Connolly 58-54; Rozadilla 58-55; Hassett 59-53. Guitron, referee.

Comebacking Richard Aguirre, 155, Covina, had a useful workout before knocking off Cliff Jackson, 154, San Diego, in 2:35 of the fourth of a scheduled eight. Aguirre (14-2) hit too hard, flooring Jackson (2-8-2) in the first and twice in the fourth. Connolly, referee.

Debuting Keneth Scott, 209, Moreno Valley, landed the bigger punches to win a four-round split decision over previously unbeaten George Stephens, 202, Boulder. Scoring: Guitron 39-37 Scott; Hassett 39-38 Stephens; Rozadilla 39-38 Scott. Connolly, referee.

Bennie Lopez, 133, Ontario, stopped debuting Tony Olivas, 130, Pasadena, in the second of a scheduled four. Olivas was down in the first and hurt with nearly every punch. Guitron, referee.

Francisco Chavez, 115, Huntington Beach, won an unpopular four-round unanimous decision over aggressive Norberto Ayala, 117, Anaheim. Scoring: Connolly 39-38; Hassett 39-37; Rozadilla 40-37. Guitron, referee.

Physicians: Dr. Michael Deluca & Dr. Mario Ficarola.
Timekeeper: John Liechty.
Announcer: Danny Valdivia.
Matchmaker: John Cabrera.
Promoter: Don Fraser.
(9-24-87)

DEAN LOHUIS

COLORADO

▶**PUEBLO-Police Assn. Bldg.**—Pro Boxing returned to the "Steel City" and an excellent club card was enthusiastically received by a sellout crowd.

"Little" Joe Hernandez, 149, Pueblo, copped a unanimous decision over Denver's Manual Valdez, 150, in a brutal eight-rounder which saw both fighters shine and both go to the well. Hernandez is 7-1-1, Valdez is 6-1.

Anthony Huggins, 168, Virgin Islands, controlled the action in taking a six-round split nod over Dave Turner of Denver.

A local lightweight battle saw Louis Saucedo wear down Ricky Gomez before taking him out at 2:44 of the fourth and final round.

The best bout in an evening of good bouts saw Vinnel Ponzio, 126, Denver, take a split verdict over Richard Marquez, 128, Pueblo. Ponzio had his man down twice in the second, but Marquez bounced back to win the third and almost stole the fight in the fourth. Ponzio, however, proved equal to the moment and beat back Marquez's rally. Ponzio is 3-0-1.

In the card's opener, Dave Sanchez of Leadville and Leo Rodriguez of Denver fought a hard draw in their featherweight tiff.

Promoter: Tom Quinn.
Referee: Novar Garcia.
Judges: Bill Yeoman, Ed Walsh & Graig McBreen.
Timekeeper: Eddie Quinn.
Attendance: 700 (est.).
(10-3-87)

ED WALSH

FLORIDA

▶**MIAMI BEACH—Carillon Hotel**—In a classic matchup between two punchers who other light heavyweights avoid like the plague, Uriah Grant, 174, a native of Jamaica now residing in Miami, took on Eric Holly, 175, Tampa, for the Florida state title.

After a slow first round, Grant mounted an aggressive attack and pounded Holly with hard rights, staggering him continually. In the fourth, he opened a cut over Holly's left eye and bloodied his mouth.

Referee Bill Connors halted the bout 39 seconds into the fifth, with Grant scoring well with combinations to the head and body with no return from Holly.

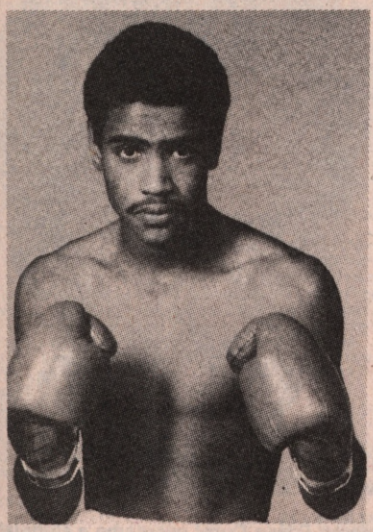
Grant upped his mark to 15-4 with 10 knockouts.

Milton Bowen, 210, Miami, scored his fourth one-round KO, knocking cold Greg Payne, 220, Miami, in only 1:37 of a scheduled six. Bowen is a former state Golden Gloves champ.

In a scheduled eight, Italian flyweight champ Luigi Camputaro, 115½, scored a three-round TKO over David Williams, 119, Bahamas. The referee stopped the match just as the bell sounded ending the round with Williams in no condition to continue.

Reynaldo Gimenez, 188, Argentina, KO'd Donnie Smith, 184, Miami, at 1:37 of the first of a scheduled four.

Zeke Minus, 175, Miami, KO'd an outclassed David Butler, 173¼, at 1:05 of the second of a scheduled four.
Promoter: Chris Dundee.
Attendance: 300 (est.).
Referees: Bill Connors, Harry Brennan & Juan Aries.
(10-23-87)



Angelo Dundee appears to have another bright prospect on his mitts in Antonio DeBarros. The lightweight newcomer remained undefeated with a decision over Bobby Jones.

▶**SUNRISE—Sunrise Musical Center**—On a five-bout card headlined by the closed circuit showing of the Thomas Hearns/Juan Roldan bout, Trevor Berbick fought a scheduled 10-round tuneup against an inept Lorenzo Boyd, 205, of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Berbick entered the ring weighing 226 pounds and looking like he had trained in Tony Galento's bar. After a slow first round, Berbick connected with a combination that floored Boyd at the bell. In the third, Berbick opened up and floored Boyd twice within 60 seconds, then knocked him down again with left hooks midway through the round to force referee Harry Brennan to call a halt at 1:48.

Berbick is 33-5-1, while Boyd fell to 25-11.

A protege of Angelo Dundee, Antonio DeBarros, 135, Washington, D.C., looked good in winning a four-round unanimous decision over Bobby Jones, 135, New Orleans.

Popular Pete Wabuda, 208, Miami Beach, won a close but unanimous four-round decision over Art Terry, 218, Miami. Wabuda was dropped but rose to make a good comeback.

Mariel refugee Ali Sanchez, 161, looked good winning his pro debut, a four-round unanimous decision over Harold Williams, 156, Miami.

In a six-rounder, Kal Robin, 160, Miami, won a majority decision over Floyd Wells, 162, Miami.

Promoter: Front & Center Promotions/Steve Weinstock & Richard Thier.
Judges: Mark Conn, Irv Abramson & Rick Beys.
Referees: Dr. Billy Yoham & Harry Brennan.
Timekeeper: Bill Wernet.
Announcer: Allan Toor.
(10-29-87)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

INDIANA

▶**INDIANAPOLIS—Sherwood Country Club**—Professional boxing returned to the Hoosier capitol after an absence of nearly 14 months when the USA cable network came to town to tape a very good show.

Harold Brazier, one of the busiest boxers in the world, headlined with a KO of Rafael Sanchez, 137¼, Miami, at 1:16 of the second stanza of a scheduled 10.

Sanchez started fast, but soon fell victim to the vast experience and excellence of Brazier, 141½, South Bend, the NABF junior welterweight champion who advanced his record to 51-7-1 with 36 knockouts.

In another scheduled 10, Hardy Jones, 157, South Bend, put the pressure on Mike Pollitt, 160¾, New Lisbon, from the opening bell. It was too much for Pollitt as Jones recorded a TKO at 1:40 of Round Six.

In a six-rounder packed with action, Dean Meadows, 159¾, Muncie, won a unanimous decision over tough Dave Foster, 158, Cincinnati, to improve to 6-0.

A very impressive pro debut by 18-year-old Clarence White, 146¾, Indianapolis, saw him KO Tyrone Mack, 148, Cincinnati, at 2:28 of the fourth and final round. A wicked right put Mack down and out.

Marty Jakubowski, 131, Whiting, started fast, then held on to win a majority decision over Kim Jackson, 128, Elkhart, after four rounds.

John Snider, 151, Decker, won a decision over Billy Doyle, 152, Davenport, Iowa, in four.
Promoter: Fred Berns.
Matchmaker: Pete Susens.
Referees: Bill Vaughn & George DeFabis.
Judges: John Caldwell, Mike Kelly & Gary Merritt.
Timekeepers: Ellie DeFabis & Harold Paton.
Physician: James Madura.
Announcer: Stu Goldner.
Attendance: 425 (est.).
(11-5-87)

GARY MERRITT

KANSAS

▶**WICHITA—Wichita Indian Center**—Dwayne Swift, 135, Oklahoma City, continued undefeated as he knocked out Wichita's Nicholas Wagner, 133, in the second round.

Wagner, finished by a right hand to the jaw, was unconscious for some time but subsequent medical tests revealed no permanent injury.

Wagner was the only Wichita fighter to lose on the six-bout card.

Middleweight Ron Malek stopped Oklahoma City's Paul Knight in the third round.

Mike Hallacy, middleweight, stopped Okmulgee, Oklahoma's Carl Penn in the fifth.

Lightweight George Romero knocked out Oklahoma City's Vernon Garrett in the third.

Middleweight Gary Williamson KO'd Oklahoma City's Elliott Knight in two.

Heavyweight Greg Gorrell knocked out Oklahoma City's Andre Brooks in the fifth.

Promoter: Tommy Armstrong.
(9-22-87)

KENTUCKY

▶**LEXINGTON—Continental Inn**—Promoter/manager/trainer G.L. Van Horn trotted out his newly acquired stable once again and presented a generally good night of club fights.

The main event, a scheduled eight-rounder, featured Van Horn's newest acquisition, Eastern Kentucky University senior Shawn Evans. Now back to his normal heavyweight size of 193 lbs. after a one-bout attempt as a light heavyweight, Evans, who hails from Louisville, upped his winning streak to 10-0, all by KOs, in defeating debuting 190-lb. Chicagoan Joran Keeper.

Keeper looked good in the first round, moving well and out-jabbing the taller Evans who appeared cold, probably because he had not warmed up sufficiently in the dressing room prior to the fight.

The crowd, knowing TKE fraternity member Evans' punching power, shouted for him to get going. He couldn't, and Keeper was the clear winner of the first canto.

In the second stanza, Evans got into gear, landing a tremendous right hook to Keeper's side which dropped him in obvious pain.

Keeper got up and fought back, only to be again floored, this time by a terrific right to the temple. Once again the game Chicagoan rose and joined the fray, trying to hold on and survive the round. But Evans was not to be denied. He went back to the body and again landed the patented right hook to the side and Keeper once again went down, writhing in pain.

The fight was over at that point because Kentucky has the automatic three-knockdown rule. Evans by TKO at 2:32 of the second. Terry O'Brien refereed.

Evans is a good looking and personable young man. He has every appearance of being another White Hope. But knowledgeable ringsiders are aware of the fact that he has almost no amateur experience and that he has never been really tested as a pro. His moment of truth is yet to come.

In other action, Billy Durbin, 154, of Lexington, TKO'd Terry Jones, 155, from Chicago at 2:07 of the third in their scheduled six-round match. Durbin's record rose to 9-0-1.

Local favorite Byron "Choirboy" Brown, 132, Lexington, narrowly defeated Chicagoan Richard "Mad Dog" Campbell, 133, in a six-round brawl. It was the best fight of the night, both men scoring a knockdown, with every round hotly contested. Brown upped his record to 8-1-1 in a contest *The Ring* saw as a draw. Campbell, now 7-5, would have won had he not tired in the last three stanzas. O'Brien refereed.

In the last bout of the evening, Mike Gainer, 158, from Chicago, and Anthony Pearson, 149, from Milwaukee, squared off in a scheduled six-round bout. But the 9-4 Gainer was no match for hard-punching Pearson, who KO'd his oppoent at 1:27 of the second and improved his record to 14-1. Old pro Sam Floyd, who could easily have whipped either man and who says he wants to remain active for another couple of years, refereed.
Promoter: Blue Grass Pro Boxing.
Matchmaker: G.L. Van Horn.
Announcer: Dave Krusenklaus.
Referees: Terry O'Brien & Sam Floyd.
Judges: Larry Mullins, Roy Kemp & Joel Roitman.
Timekeeper: Chuck Sayer.
Physician: Dr. James Ross.
Attendance: 600 (est.).
(10-27-87)

JOEL ROITMAN

READ THE RING

▶**LEXINGTON—Continental Inn**—Lexington's Shawn Evans, 178, scored a TKO over Milwaukee's Joran Keeper, 168, to highlight a five-bout card.

Keeper was decked three times, forcing an automatic stoppage at 2:36 of the second round of the scheduled eight.

The rest of the bouts were scheduled for six rounds each.

Lexington's Bill Durbin, 147, stopped Milwaukee's Terry Jones, 147, at 2:07 of the third round.

Bryan Brown, 132, Lexington, won by unanimous decision over Chicago's James Coleman, Brown receiving scores of 60-55 (twice) and 60-54.

Milwaukee's Anthony Pearson, 150, knocked out Chicago's Michael Gainer, 158, in the second round.
Promoter: Thoroughbred Pro Boxing Inc.
Referees: Floyd & O'Brien.
Judges: Kempf, Mullins & Roitman.
Timekeeper: Sayre.
Physician: James Ross.
(11-3-87)

▶**LOUISVILLE—Fern Valley Holiday Inn**—Louisville's Tyrone Moore, 151, stopped Oscar Casten, 150, St. Louis, by TKO in the sixth round of the scheduled 10-round main event

The remainder of the card consisted of six matches each scheduled for four rounds.

Russell Barnett, 177, Louisville, won by unanimous decision over Jerry Harris, 175, Indianapolis, Barnett getting scores of 39-37 and 39-38 (twice).

Tim Tipton, 135, Shepherdsville, took a unanimous decision over Mexico City's Javier Mendoza, 135, all cards reading 40-36.

Cincinnati's Robert Myatt, 130, stopped Louisville's James Anderson, 128, at 2:00 of the second round.

Michael Johns, 130, Louisville, won by split vote over Maurice Baker, 127, St. Louis.

Steve Hunter, 135, St. Louis, stopped Louisville's James Ruff, 139, in the second round after Ruff's eye was damaged by a collision of heads.

Dayton, Ohio's Paul Phillips, 163, TKO'd Cincinnati's Mike Evans, 158, in the first round.
Promoter: TKO Sports Promotions, Inc.
Referees: Cunningham & Dixon.
Judges: Childers, Floyd & Kempf.
Timekeeper: Peyton.
Physician: Greathouse.
Announcer: Barry.
(11-5-87)

▶**HYDEN—Richard M. Nixon Center**—Lexington's Jerry Brown, 154, had to work hard to score an eight-round unanimous decision over Akron, Ohio's Rodney Tatum, 155½, who put up a good scrap.

Akron's Rickey Turner, 132, also gave Lexington's Bryan Brown, 129, a go, but Brown proved quicker on his feet and stopped the visitor in the second round of a slated six.

Another good matchup saw Bill Durbin, Lexington, 147, knock out Akron's Ray Greene, 150, in the fifth of a scheduled six.

Lexington's Shawn Evans swarmed all over Akron's Willie Singleton, 180, to score a first-round TKO in a scheduled six.

Canada's Donnell Wingfield, 175, kept Lexington battlers from sweeping the card, stopping Paul Woods, 166, in the second of a scheduled four.
Promoter: Thoroughbred Pro Boxing Inc.
Referees: O'Brien & Floyd.
Judges: Roy Kempf, Larry Mullins & Mike Childers.
Timekeeper: Sayre.
(10-24-87)

MARYLAND

▶**GLEN BURNIE—La Fontaine Bleu**—This red-hot promotion returned with another fine night at the gate and a positively excellent slate of competitive matches, but a rough evening for the attractions.

In the main event, Willie Taylor, 140¾, stormed across the border from Falls Church, VA, like it was Normandy and took the measure of state champ D.J. Turner, 141, Baltimore, after a furious eight. With a nondescript, jack-in-the-box style, Taylor outmaneuvered the flat-footed Turner early, then survived a shelling in the middle rounds. An incredible sixth saw a tiring Taylor rocked by a right and seemingly on his way out. But Willie saved himself with a frenetic attack that swept the play away from a befuddled Turner. Catching a second wind, the invader finished strong amid a blur of leather to capture a majority decision. Harry Cecchini scored it 79-75 and Tom Kelly 79-72, while Frank Kelly had it 77-all. Ray Klingmeyer refereed.

In the semi, immensely popular Chuck Sturm, 134, Glen Burnie, was lucky to get a three-way split draw against returning Randy Richardson, 134, DC, six. The brawling Sturm was frustrated and outboxed early, then turned up the heat as Richardson slowed and began grabbing. Still, Randy appeared to outfight him in a frantic final session. Ref, Larry Barrett.

Troy Watson, 162, Balto., prevailed over Darryl Hollowell, 165¾, DC, to score a unanimous win in a savage six. Darryl broke late in a blistering fourth and faded. Ref, Milton Greene.

George Pindell, 134, Annapolis, appeared to deserve no better than a draw, but got a unanimous win over cutie Demetrius Evans, 134, Mitchellville, MD, in a tedious four. Ref, Terry Moore.

Jerry West, 142, DC, finished strong to gain an unpopular, split, but correct verdict over an exhausted Chris Lucas, 140½, Frederick, MD, in an action four. Ref, Moore.

Promoters: Max Kisner & Victoria Savaleski (Maryland Showcase).
Matchmaker: Josh Hall.
Attendance: 750, $13,000 (est.).
Timekeepers: Izzy Bach & Earl Clemons.
Announcer: Tony Baldoni.
(11-5-87)

J.R. JOWETT

UNITED STATES RATINGS
BY THE UNITED STATES BOXING ASSOCIATION
(As of November, 1987)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Carl Williams (New York)
1. Tony Tucker (Michigan)
2. James Smith (North Carolina)
3. James Broad (New Jersey)
4. James Douglas (Ohio)
5. Tyrell Biggs (Pennsylvania)
6. Larry Alexander (New York)
7. Tony Tubbs (Ohio)
8. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
9. Orlin Norris (California)
10. Mike Williams (Texas)
11. Jose Ribalta (Florida)
12. Mike Evans (Illinois)
13. Jerry Halstead (Oklahoma)
14. Bert Cooper (Pennsylvania)
15. Renaldo Snipes (New York)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Championship
Sherman Griffin (Texas)
1. Dwight Qawi (New Jersey)
2. Anthony Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
3. Alfonso Ratliff (Illinois)
4. Bash Ali (California)
5. Rickey Parkey (New Jersey)
6. Jeff Lampkin (Ohio)
7. Henry Tillman (California)
8. Al Scott (Virginia)
9. Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
10. Michael Greer (Tennessee)
11. Bernard Benton (Michigan)
12. Anthony Davis (Nevada)
13. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
14. Poncho Carter (California)
15. Olian Alexander (California)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
2. Anthony Willis (Illinois)
3. Ramzi Hassan (California)
4. Chris Reid (New Jersey)
5. Uriah Grant (New York)
6. Arthel Lawhorne (Michigan)
7. Wali Muhammad (New Jersey)
8. Vaughn Hooks (Pennsylvania)
9. Willie Edwards (Michigan)
10. Robert Folley (New Jersey)
11. Eric Holley (Florida)
12. Joe Dolphin (Florida)
13. Frankie Swindel (Tennessee)
14. Mike Sedillo (California)
15. Jim MacDonald (Michigan)

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Lindell Holmes (Ohio)
1. Vincent Boulware (Texas)
2. Nicky Walker (Nevada)
3. Sanderline Williams (Ohio)
4. Lenny LaPaglia (Illinois)
5. Mustafa Hamsho (New Jersey)
6. Jay Strickland (Texas)
7. Stacey McSwain (North Carolina)
8. Frank Minton (Indiana)
9. Gilberto Colon (Puerto Rico)
10. Marvin Mack (Pennsylvania)
11. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)
12. Tyrone Frazier (Pennsylvania)
13. Rickey Perry (Virginia)
14. Dale Jackson (Indiana)
15. Jorge Amparo (Nevada)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Marvin Hagler (Massachusetts)
2. Michael Nunn (California)
3. Doug DeWitt (New York)
4. Tony Thornton (New Jersey)
5. Iran Barkley (New York)
6. Troy Darrell (New York)
7. Ricky Stackhouse (Georgia)
8. Robbie Sims (Massachusetts)
9. Jose Quinones (Puerto Rico)
10. Darnell Knox (Michigan)
11. Mark McPherson (New York)
12. Kevin Watts (New Jersey)
13. Kevin Moley (New York)
14. Kenny Styles (New York)
15. Tim Williams (California)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Robert Hines (Pennsylvania)
1. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
2. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
3. Donald Curry (Texas)
4. John Jackson (Pennsylvania)
5. Darrin Van Horn (Kentucky)
6. Lupe Aquino (California)
7. Duane Thomas (Michigan)
8. Jack Callahan (Indiana)
9. Matthew Farrago (New York)
10. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
11. Herman Cavesuela (California)
12. Mardo Roybal (California)
13. Tony Montgomery (Michigan)
14. Derrick Kelly (California)
15. Joe Walker (Ohio)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Rollin Williams (Arizona)
1. Simon Brown (D.C.)
2. Tyrone Trice (Michigan)
3. Mark Breland (New York)
4. Maurice Blocker (D.C.)
5. Felipe Canela (California)
6. Bobby Joe Young (New York)
7. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
8. Al Long (California)
9. Vincent Pettway (Maryland)
10. Young Dick Tiger (California)
11. Hugh Kearny (Pennsylvania)
12. Manning Galloway (Ohio)
13. Mauricio Rodriguez (Florida)
14. Alex Medal (Florida)
15. Horace Shufford (Nevada)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Frankie Warren (Texas)
1. Buddy McGirt (New York)
2. Joe Manley (New Jersey)
3. Meldrick Taylor (Pennsylvania)
4. Harold Brazier (Indiana)
5. John Meekins (New York)
6. Jesse Lopez (Oregon)
7. Othal Dixon (Texas)
8. Tyrone Crawley (Pennsylvania)
9. Vinnie Burgese (Pennsylvania)
10. Jerry Page (Ohio)
11. Courtney Hooper (Michigan)
12. John Montes (California)
13. Howard Davis (New York)
14. Rodney Moore (Pennsylvania)
15. Ozzie O'Neal (Pennsylvania)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Pernell Whitaker (Virginia)
1. Greg Haugen (Washington)
2. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
3. Fred Pendleton (New Jersey)
4. John Duplessis (Louisiana)
5. Frankie Randall (Tennessee)
6. Terrence Alli (New York)
7. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
8. Miguel Santana (Puerto Rico)
9. Darryl Tyson (Washington DC)
10. Livingstone Bramble (New Jersey)
11. Victorio Belcher (Indiana)
12. David Gonzalez (California)
13. Irleis Perez (California)
14. Shelton LeBlanc (Louisiana)
15. Vernon Buchanan (Missouri)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Harold Knight (New Jersey)
1. Tony Lopez (California)
2. Johnny de la Rosa (Michigan)
3. Juan LaPorte (New York)
4. Genaro Fernandez (California)
5. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
6. Jackie Beard (Tennessee)
7. Kenny Baysmore (Washington DC)
8. Jaime Garza (California)
9. Joe Rivera (Puerto Rico)
10. Erskine Wade (Michigan)
11. Mark Fernandez (Colorado)
12. John Molina (Puerto Rico)
13. Lupe Miranda (Texas)
14. Anthony English (New Jersey)
15. Billy Young (Michigan)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Calvin Grove (Pennsylvania)
1. Lupe Suarez (Texas)
2. Hector Lopez (California)
3. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
4. George Navarro (New Jersey)
5. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
6. Steve Cruz (Texas)
7. Myron Taylor (Pennsylvania)
8. Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
9. Irving Mitchell (California)
10. Joe Ruelas (California)
11. Edward Pollard (Florida)
12. Alfred Rangel (Texas)
13. Jeff Franklin (Nevada)
14. Pasqual Aranda (Texas)
15. Mike Ayala (Texas)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Jose Sanabria (New York)
2. Jessie Benavides (Texas)
3. James Pipps (Texas)
4. Aaron Lopez (Texas)
5. Jorge Diaz (California)
6. Greg Richardson (Ohio)
7. Manuel Miranda (Puerto Rico)
8. Marino Ramirez (New Jersey)
9. Darrell Thigpen (California)
10. Steve McCrory (Michigan)
11. Harold Petty (Texas)
12. Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
13. Eugene Speed (Maryland)
14. Robert Shannon (Virginia)
15. Tony Montoya (Utah)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Luis Curtis (Washington DC)
2. Jimmy Navarro (Florida)
3. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
4. Frankie Duarte (California)
5. Roland Gomez (Texas)
6. Hurley Snead (Michigan)
7. Gilberto Contreras (Texas)
8. Mike Phelps (Texas)
9. Albert Davila (California)
10. David Gauvin (Massachusetts)
11. Eddie Rangel (Texas)
12. Lucilo Nolasco (California)
13. Jose Ruiz (Puerto Rico)
14. William Ramos (Puerto Rico)
15. Jose Gallegos (Texas)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Ramon Medal (Texas)
1. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
2. Orlando Canizales (Texas)
3. Homero Aquilar (Texas)
4. Paul Gonzales (California)
5. Angel Rosario (Puerto Rico)
6. Jorge Ortiz (Puerto Rico)
7. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
8. Tony DeLuca (California)
9. Juan Carazo (Puerto Rico)
10. Ron Cisneros (Arizona)
11. Ken Mitchell (New York)
12. Felix Castillo (Texas)
13. Mario Savala (California)
14. Miguel Mercedes (California)
15. Alonzo Gonzales (California)

Veteran Edwin Curet overcame a sluggish start to handily outpoint John Rafuse over 10 rounds. Curet did not lose a round on any of the scorecards, though he took awhile to get into gear.

MASSACHUSETTS

▶**LOWELL—Lowell Auditorium**—The state's only live pro card preceding the closed circuit telecast of Hearns-Roldan attracted 643 fans. Two other closed circuit venues offered amateur bouts, but had to cancel their programs due to microscopic ticket sales.

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Three live bouts preceded the telecast, with Edwin Curet facing John Rafuse in the 10-round main event. Dr. Terry Christle was the original headliner, but was cut in training. Lowell's own Mickey Ward was a later scratch, suffering a hand injury in his recent loss to Curet.

Curet, 142, Dorchester, came into the bout with a huge edge in quality experience, and he handled Rafuse, 139, Malden, easily, if unimpressively, in the early going. Curet's lazy start culminated in a fourth round in which Rafuse's sloppy but relentless attack appeared on the verge of turning the tide. Curet's corner woke him up with a blistering critique between rounds, and from the fifth onward he fought with determination. Curet's crisp counterpunches picked Rafuse apart, and his right hand seemed glued to the Malden welterweight's head. Rafuse foolishly hit Curet after the bell ending the seventh round and was penalized a point. The final three frames were all toe-to-toe brawling, and Curet clobbered Rafuse from every angle but couldn't put him away. The unanimous decision revealed Curet had not lost a round on the official cards. Judge Barbara Roach called it 100-89 as did Vincent Lee, while ref Dick Flaherty saw it 100-91. *The Ring* gave Rafuse Round Four for a 99-90 tally. Curet improves to 22-6-2, while Rafuse falls to 15-6.

An eight-round semifinal matched Brockton's Steve Collins, 161, formerly a light heavy, with Newburyport's Harold Souther, 158, but an amateur star as a welterweight. Collins was too big and too strong for Souther and pounded him from bell to bell, although a standing eight-count in the seventh was the closest he could come to a knockout. Collins, 5-0 after the unanimous verdict, is the sparring partner who cut Christle in training.

A tightly fought six-rounder saw David Alers, 129, Dorchester, take the unanimous nod over Alberto Alicia, 130, Troy, N.Y.

Judges: Barbara Roach & Vincent Lee.
Referees: Richard Flaherty & Ed Fitzpatrick.
Timekeeper: Jerry Albano.
Physician: Dr. Marv Romanowsky.
Promoter: Al Valenti.
Attendance: 643.
Gross: $8825.
(10-29-87)

JAY N. MILLER

MICHIGAN

▶**STERLING HEIGHTS—The Premier Center**—Johnny Ace Smith scooped the rival Kronk camp in timing, if not in quality of the feature, when he put together a five-fight card in this suburban showplace. While the Kronk team focused on Tommy Hearns in Las Vegas, its local monthly show was canceled, so most of the local interest was focused on Smith.

The minor disappointment on an enthusiastically received card was the cancellation of Tom "Boom Boom" Johnson's match with Tony Cisneros.

But the main event was intact, featuring Olympic gold medalist and featherweight contender Steve "Bluesman" McCrory in a rematch with "Ironman" Jorge Rodriguez of Los Angeles.

Rodriguez took McCrory to the 10th again in a crowd-pleaser that had ringside veterans and the tourists in the club level shaking their heads at the tenacity and heart of the Angeleno, whose performance provided McCrory with a platform to display his skills. These two had the old-timers talking about old times and wondering if McCrory has knockout power or that maybe Jorge is just bionic.

Judge Herb Ellison gave McCrory every round, carding 100-90, while Nafeeya Jami voted 100-89 and Charlene Warner saw it 99-91. McCrory is 18-2, while Rodriguez valiantly returned to California 13-6.

Fred "The Tank" Adams used a body attack to win a six-round decision against taller Amando Domingos. Adams still seems open to the lead right to the body and hook to the head, but with his bad intentions and swarming style, the rising featherweight star took all three cards for his 11th win against one loss and one draw. Ellison and Jami carded 59-55, while Warner saw it 60-54 for "The Tank."

Hurley "Dr. Prescription" Snead entered the showroom with one of those little masks you see Japanese citizens wear in Tokyo, but in spite of the incongruous ring accoutrement, Snead gave hapless Jorge Samona the knockout shot at 2:08 of the fourth stanza of this fistic folio of pain. Samona went face down from a powerful straight right and right cross from featherweight Snead, who put on an awesome display of what professional fighting is all about. Snead is 31-2, while Samona, of El Paso, fell to 12-5.

In the penultimate battle, state cruiserweight champ Spencer "The Warrior" Chavis hardly had time to get his feathers dusted before he pounded out a third-round TKO at 1:47 over North Carolina's Terry Denny. Ref Joe Sowerby probably saved Denny's life by stepping in. Chavis goes to 25-2, with Denny falling to 8-6 . . . quickly.

An upset of sorts occurred in the first act as light heavyweight Arthel "Bam-Bam" Lawhorne gave the "no mas" routine at 54 seconds of the fifth against Texan Jesse Shelby. Shelby took his time and pressed an unfocused Lawhorne, picking his shots while opening cuts on the left eye and in the mouth of Lawhorne, which forced the early conclusion.

Shelby goes to 19-6-1, while Lawhorne slid to 18-12-2.
Promoter: Johnny "Ace" Smith/ABC Promotions.
Matchmaker: Duke Durden.
Referees: Joe Sowerby & Sam Williams.
Timekeepers: William Hunter Jr. & William Hunter Sr.
Physicians: Michael Sherbin & Saul Shapiro.
(10-27-87)

TOM PARUSZKIEWICZ

MINNESOTA

▶**MOUNDS VIEW—Bel-Rae Ballroom**—For the second time in two months, undefeated Coon Rapids middleweight Dan Schommer stopped unknown L.C. Robinson from Milwaukee by way of St. Louis. This time it took Schommer five rounds to dispose of Robinson, where it took only four the first time. Robinson's move-in style was made to order for the counterpunches of the southpaw slants of Schommer. When Robinson was unable to cope, he switched to a southpaw stance himself and it was to be his undoing. By the fourth round, Robinson had cuts over and under his left eye and Schommer really went to work on his body. L.C. took a shellacking in the fifth round and was in a bad way as the round ended. While in the corner, referee Chuck Hales and Robinson's seconds called a halt to the mismatch. The victory moved Schommer's record to 14-0-0, while Robinson went down to 5-4-0.

Willie Perry of St. Louis won a unanimous five-round decision over Everett Page (6-4-0) of Minneapolis in a middleweight match.

Jay Nelson, Cedar Rapids heavyweight (3-0-0), pounded St. Paul's Lou Wolford (0-3-0) into a fourth-round stoppage.

Scott Carlquist, Anoka, made his pro debut with a second-round knockout over Darrell Strum of White Bear Lake who was also making his pro start. They are middleweights.

Richie Albrecht, Coon Rapids lightweight (5-0-0), knocked out Calvin Williams (0-9-0) of Minneapolis in the second round.

Attendance: 350.
Gate: $2,000.
(10-27-87)

GEORGE D. BLAIR

NEVADA

▶**CARSON CITY—Ormsby House Hotel/Casino**—Returning from a 10-month layoff, Carson City heavyweight Mark "White Lightning" Lee scored a 10-round decision over Hazard, Kentucky's Larry "White Thunder" Phelps.

Lee, coming off shoulder surgery, showed signs of rust, but pressed Phelps from the outset. After a few rounds, Lee got into the flow again, scoring well with his left jab and some good rights, and the outcome was never in doubt. Lillian Runningwolf saw it 100-90, Keith MacDonald had it 99-91 and John McSweeny called it 98-92.

"It was a good test for my shoulder and stamina and both passed with flying colors," Lee, whose record improved to 26-12, told Alan Rogers of the Carson City *Nevada Appeal*. "My timing was off early in the fight, but it sure felt good to be back in the ring and it feels great to win in the town I was born in."

It was the first hometown win for Lee since 1981. He had lost four straight in Carson City, the last being against Jimmy Browne when he was ahead on points but couldn't continue after separating his shoulder.

Phelps is 12-9.

On the undercard, Salt Lake City heavyweight Veti Kata scored a third-round TKO over Yakima, Washington's Joe Himp. A left hook to the jaw did the main damage.

Ken Ward, 152, Albany, Oregon, scored a four-round decision over Aisea Loumoli, 150, Reno.

Welterweight Pat Brennan, Reno via Brooklyn, upped his record to 5-2 with a four-round nod over Kevin Heck of St. Paul, Oregon.

A left hook by Joe Saldana, 119¾, Reno, flattened Portland, Oregon's Kenny Carson, 120½, in the first round.

Darrell Hayes, 140, Reno, scored a four-round decision over Erwen Brown, 147¾, San Jose.

Promoter: Mashelle Begovich.
(10-24-87)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

▶**CONCORD—Capitol Theater**—Game Five of the World Series killed this card's attendance, but the 280 fans who did turn out saw five torrid bouts. Three six-rounders were featured, along with a pair of four-rounders and several amateur bouts as well.

In the main event, so to speak, Bucksport, Maine welterweight Bob Wadleigh won his sixth straight bout as a pro, wearing down and stopping Springfield, Mass. veteran Angel "Black Pepper" Ortiz inside three rounds. Wadleigh, 150, swarmed over Ortiz, 149, from the opening bell, and although Ortiz replied with a few body blows inside, the Maine tyro may have taken the first frame, 10-8. Ortiz was enduring a similar bombardment in the second until late in the round when he dropped to his knees clutching his cup. Referee Bob Stevens granted Ortiz a respite of several minutes in his corner to recover from the alleged low blow and when action resumed Ortiz was able to survive to the bell. Wadleigh's barrage continued in the third stanza, and after about a minute Ortiz' corner wisely threw in the towel. Wadleigh has four knockouts in his 6-0 record.

Another six-rounder matched boxer Junior Rodriguez, 135, Norwalk, Ct., with slugger Alberto Alicia, 135, Troy, N.Y., in a real dandy. Rodriguez, trained by former heavyweight contender Ted Lowry, outslicked Alicia for the first two frames, but the Troy youngster's bombs landed effectively in rounds three and four. Neither was very successful in the fifth round, but Rodriguez managed to frustrate Alicia over the final three minutes to gain a split decision. Judge John James called it for Alicia 58-56, while Jim Finnegan (59-58) and Bill Berkush (59-56) gave the nod to Rodriguez. We scored it 58-57 Rodriguez.

Light heavyweight Gret Towndes of Pawtucket, R.I., outclassed Springfield's Andy Gordon for the first three rounds of their bout, but Gordon's desperate haymakers made the final three frames a toe-to-toe slugout. Towndes finally stunned Gordon along the ropes and won by TKO at 2:45 of Round Six. Towndes is now 3-0.

One of the four-rounders saw local welterweight Vernon Boyd from nearby Nashua make a successful pro debut in gaining the unanimous verdict over elusive "Jake the Snake" Riley of Troy, N.Y.

In the opening four-rounder, novice heavyweight Manny Contreras, 197, Coventry, R.I., was pitted against wily veteran Don Halpin, 218, Lowell, Mass. Halpin hadn't fought since 1985, but gave the youngster a stern test before a cut over his left eye forced a halt 50 seconds into the final round.

N.H. State Senator Bob Stevens, who is the Granite State's Boxing Commissioner, refereed all five pro bouts.

Judges: John James, Jim Finnegan & Bill Berkush.
Timekeeper: Conrad Moran.
Announcer: Kenny Berman.
Promoter: TEACO Productions/Tom Adair.
Attendance: 280.
Timer for Knockdowns: Bob LaChance.
Gross: $2,800 (est.).
(10-22-87)

JAY N. MILLER

NEW JERSEY

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—Developing Tony Thornton struggles to draw with trialhorse Stacy McSwain and they bring him right back against veteran fringe contender Doug DeWitt for the vacant (what else?) USBA middleweight title! Go figure. Naturally, Thornton lost, but not until a titanic struggle ended all even in the regulation 12, requiring a tie-breaking 13th round. For fans, it was a bargain-basement delight: two fights for the price of one, and both of them wars. Thornton completely dominated the early going, chin to chin, while DeWitt staged a miracle comeback, aided by a little extra distance, in the late going.

Though both weighed 160, Thornton, Glassboro, NJ, seemed bigger and stronger in overwhelming DeWitt, Yonkers, with a vigorous attack at the start. Tony looked surprisingly sharp as he banged hooks to the ribs and slingshotted rights over Doug's left shoulder. DeWitt could only try to stand his ground and fight back in desperate action. But he seemed outfought at every turn and fell almost helplessly behind.

Almost. Thornton held a commanding lead after eight. But just when it seemed out of reach for DeWitt, he began staging a dramatic turnaround. Tony had been fighting on vigor as much as skill and began to wilt. Given an extra step, Doug got his jab working, bloodying the Jerseyite's nose. And a closing left eye on Thornton helped the New Yorker's right. Tony took a thorough battering in the final four, losing them all on every card. The rally put Doug ahead on Thomas Kaczmarek's tab, 115-114, and even on Eugene Grant's, 114-114, while Charlie Spina still had Tony, 115-114. With the fight on the line, the extra round was mere anticlimax. Doug was thoroughly in command at this point and battered Tony almost at will. This brought him even on Spina's card, 124-124, while Grant had 124-123, and Kaczmarek 125-123. Joe O'Neil refereed.

As usual, DeWitt, who became 29-5-3, claimed he hadn't fought his best. "I was just lazy for eight rounds. I didn't think he was going to be that good," Doug excused. Thornton blamed his first loss after 17 wins and a draw on the injuries and Doug's thumb. "I thought I needed this fight to pick me back up," he said of the recent draw. "I viewed DeWitt not as a major threat . . . nothing I couldn't handle."

Lenny LaPaglia, 167, Melrose Park, Melrose Park, Ill., had to rally to stop stubborn Dean Moore, 167½, Forest City, NC, at 2:05 of the third, scheduled 10. Moore was giving LaPaglia heck in brutal slugging until he leaned the wrong way into a vicious right uppercut. Dean sagged, momentarily out against the ropes, and ref Ted Pick jumped in. LaPaglia became 29-5 and Moore 14-7-1.

Paul Shorts, 145, E. Providence, boxed too smartly for crude Jesus (Ray) Velez, 150½, Newark, to take a unanimous win, six. The unbeaten Shorts won his seventh, while Velez dropped to 3-5. Ref, O'Neil.

Jose Tirado, 132½, NYC, and Joey Negron, 135, Stamford, CT, fought to a unanimous draw in a see-saw four. Ref, Pick.

Van "Sherlock" Holmes, 128½, York, PA, won a majority verdict from Vernon McGriff, 128, Buffalo, in a close, cautious four. Ref, O'Neil.

Promoter: Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).

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Attendance: 800 (est.).
TV: ESPN.
Timekeeper: Roosevelt Gilbert.
Announcer: Mike Buffer.
(11-6-87)

J.R. JOWETT

▶ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts International Hotel-Casino—Harold Knight, 130, Plainfield, NJ, got himself a good workout before successfully defending his USBA junior lightweight title with a TKO win at 2:29 of the 11th; scheduled for 12. His opponent, Erskine Wade (Costict), 130, Detroit, employed the only means at his disposal to possibly pin the initial defeat (Knight is now 19-0, 15 KOs) on "The Shadow" and it almost worked.

Using a rangy, running style, Wade slid around and around, hoping to pick up a point here, a point there, while giving Harold precious little time to unload. That tactic got him a few rounds—his best being the fifth when he actually stunned Knight with a number of right hands in the opening minute—and saw him even on the card of judge Al DeVito (95-95 after 10). Harold himself was nearly fooled by his elusive quarry.

"I figured I needed the last three rounds because this guy had been awkward the whole fight," said Knight.

While on a number of occasions Knight was made to misfire and look clumsy, he kept his cool sufficiently enough to perform a rather workmanlike job of chopping his adversary down. The first solid wacks came in Round Three when he dropped Wade with an assortment of left hooks. By the 10th, Wade was bleeding from the mouth and lowering his hands appreciably. Strong body work was beginning to pay dividends. The other two judges, Phil Newman and Al Reid, had Knight a clear leader after 10; 98-92 and 97-93, respectively.

The end came when Knight and Wade were both moving off the ropes. Knight saw the opening as Wade was backing away with his hands down low. The instinctive left hook went flashing out and down went Wade on all fours. Blood dripping visibly from his mouth, he took the count to seven before pulling himself up and into a neutral corner where referee Frank Cappuccino took a quick, but hard look and decided to wave it over. With the loss, Erskine's record dipped to 17-5-1, 11 KOs.

Tony Martin, 141, Philadelphia, put paid to the ring career of fellow Philadelphian and former IBF lightweight champion, Charlie "Choo Choo" Brown, 140. The win for Martin came by TKO at 2:07 of Round Eight; scheduled for 10.

Out of action for over one year and loser of two straight previously, Brown took a one-sided pasting from the light-hitting, but busily accurate Martin. Charlie, never to be found in a dull fight, did his best to fire away, but his always porous defense was dented beyond repair. He was dropped by a left hook in Round Six and given a standing eight count by referee Randy Neumann. With Brown pinned on the ropes and still taking a whipping, his long-time manager/trainer Freddy Jenkins humanely threw in the surrender towel.

Martin is now 15-1, while Brown saw his record fall to 26-8-2, 18 KOs.

Stephen Johnson, 144, Brooklyn, won by TKO at 2:04 of the first round over David "Deacon" Jones, 143¼, Millville, NJ. Jones came out furiously fast, but tightened right up and was dropped twice before referee Neumann stopped the bout. Scheduled for four.

Robert Byrd, 131, Dallas, played yo-yo with Rodney Fennell, 132½, Wash. DC, and won this scheduled six by TKO at 1:12 of Round Three. Fennell was down once in Round One, twice in the second and again one time in the third. Ref; Neumann.

Quincy Taylor, 156¼, Dallas, took a six-round unanimous decision over Mario Davis, 158, Buffalo, NY. This was two different fights. The first three rounds were very tentative, the last three making up for lost ground as Taylor proved the sharper and busier down the stretch. Ref; Cappuccino. Scores: Neumann, 60-54; DeVito and Rich Strange, 59-56 each *The Ring* had it 59-55. Taylor, a southpaw, had previously won all his five bouts by KO.

Timekeeper: Lindsey Tucker.
Promoter: Top Rank.
Matchmakers: Teddy Brenner & Ron Katz.
Television: ESPN (Live).
(11-11-87)

JACK OBERMEYER

NEW YORK

▶NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—Welterweight contender James "Buddy" McGirt took another easy kayo win over an unknown opponent in the scheduled 10-round main event, taking out one Eduardo Lugo at 2:18 of the third. After two dull opening rounds, McGirt (140½, Brentwood, N.Y.) assumed the offensive, starting the final minute of the third with a flurry followed by a left hook that put Lugo (141, Miami) flat on his back, apparently out. McGirt is now 35-1-1, 30 kayoes, and most people wish he'd fight someone already. Lugo (11-8-1, four kayoes) looked about 50 years old, hadn't fought in a year and a half, and showed no desire to do anything but avoid major injury. Al LoBianco refereed.

By contrast, the main supporting bout was a real corker. Ricky Stackhouse (158½, Atlanta) took a unanimous decision over Kevin Moley (159, Selden, N.Y.) over 12 hard-fought rounds. The two had met before, this past June, when Stackhouse battered Moley badly and stopped him on cuts in the 10th. Moley was cut up this time, too, in the mouth and under the left eye, but made a fight of it all the way through.

Stackhouse controlled the action in the first two rounds, showing superior boxing skills and a nasty leaping right. Moley came on in the next few rounds; the sixth was a true slugfest in which both men were in some danger. But Stackhouse hurt Moley early in the seventh with a booming left hook and almost had his man on the deck in the 10th from a right cross. Moley was in serious trouble throughout that round. Both men, although very tired, fought their hearts out in the last two rounds, Stackhouse showing more skill, but Moley displaying tremendous courage.

The decision was never in doubt: Judge Barbara Perez scored it 117-110; judge Victor Suarez, 119-107; judge Danny Whelan 120-108, all for Stackhouse. *The Ring* had a score of 113-101 (using the 10-point-must system a little more liberally), or 7-4-1 in rounds, Stackhouse.

Stackhouse is now 19-4, 10 kayoes, and might go places if he applies himself. Moley fell to 28-4, 24 kayoes, and might want to consider retirement. He's a good boy with heart galore, but he has nothing left in boxing but a few more club fights.

A surprisingly competitive and exciting eight-rounder saw Glenwood Brown (141, Plainfield, N.J.) improve to 14-0, 11 kayoes, with a unanimous nod over Rasheed Ali (141, Brooklyn). Ali boxed and flurried with great enthusiasm throughout, but Brown was indisuptably the harder hitter. Judge Perez had it 5-3; judge Suarez, 6-2; judge Whelan, 7-1, all for Brown; *The Ring* gave it to Brown, 6-1-1. But these scores were deceiving: Each round was a hotly contested issue, and Ali (now 7-4-2, one kayo) proved himself a difficult test. Both men were loudly applauded on their exit. Joe Santarpia refereed.

Bernard Gray (134, Boynton Beach, Fla.) gave a bright but superficial interpretation of Gilbert Maldonado (135, The Bronx), stopping him at 1:10 of the third in a scheduled eight. Not much happened in the first two rounds as the speedy Gray showed off his dancing and jabbing. Then in the third, a big right cross suddenly dropped Maldonado like a shot steer. He never saw the punch coming. Maldonado was making a valiant struggle to get to his feet, but ref Luis Rivera stopped matters at the count of eight. This was Gray's 19th victory in as many fights, and his 12th kayo. Maldonado dropped to 7-4-2, one kayo.

In a six-round heavyweight go, Pete Ludwinski (214, Lindenhurst, N.Y.) had all he could do to stay with trialhorse Herman Jackson (211, Memphis, Tenn.), finally gaining a draw instead of the easy kayo his management apparently expected. Ludwinski is aggressive, but has no defense and is more of a slapper than a puncher. Jackson landed several sharp looping lefts and managed to wrestle Ludwinski into exhaustion, but didn't have enough offense to gain a clear edge.

The decision was announced as a majority draw; exact scoring was unavailable. *The Ring* carded it 3-3. Ludwinski is now 4-1-1, three kayoes; Jackson is 2-4-1. Charley Norkus refereed.

Brooklyn-based Alex Stewart, 219, notched his fifth kayo in five starts by stretching a fat kid named Tim Morrison (220, Shay, Okla.) at 54 seconds of the second in a scheduled six. The first round was slow; Stewart came out winging in the second and landed 25 unanswered punches. Ref Charley Norkus stopped it as Morrison finally sagged to the floor, leaving the fans wondering where he'd racked up his announced 5-2-1 record.

In the walkout, Brooklyn's Terminator Coles, 168, made it 2-0, stopping Baltimore's Don Crudup at 2:00 of the second in a scheduled four. Crudup was just there to catch them; he went down from a flurry having offered little resistance, and ref Al LoBianco stopped counting at seven. Crudup, who weighed 169, is now 2-3.

Timekeeper: Cecilio Pedraja.
Announcer: Ed Derian.
Attendance (1,200 (est.).
(10-1-87)

▶NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—A four-bout live card supported the Hearns-Roldan/Williams-Czyz closed-circuit show.

In the main bout, popular localite Tyrone Jackson fattened his record to 26-1, 21 kayoes, by stopping Lafayette, La.-based Darrell Savoy at 1:30 of the second in a scheduled 10. Savoy, 131½, gave Jackson a good run for his money in the opening round, but wilted quickly in the second, going down from a big left hook early in the second minute. Jackson, 131, was on Savoy immediately once Savoy had struggled up, and dropped him with one punch, a right hand. Ref Arthur Mercante Jr. stopped it at once. Savoy fell to 20-5, 13 kayoes.

Seamus McDonagh, a Brooklyn-based Irish heavy, improved to 11-0-1, eight kayoes, when his opponent, Jack Basting of Minneapolis, failed to come up for the third round of an eight. Both boys are slow-moving brawlers, but they made a fight of it for two rounds. McDonagh, 184, was held even through most of the opening round as Basting, 183, showed some skillful work with the head and elbows. But McDonagh scored a flash knockdown with a right at the end of the first round, then came on to give Basting a basting in the second, cutting the Minnesotan over the left eye in the process. It was a nasty cut, and ref Fred Ucci wisely halted matters between rounds. Basting goes home with a 5-4, one kayo record.

A quality six-rounder saw Stewart Daniels, 154½, The Bronx, take a majority decision over Rodney Byrd, 152, Washington, D.C. The first five rounds were great if you like jabbing contests, boring if you don't. But the closing round, which each man knew would decide the match, was a great back-and-forth slugfest. Byrd staggered Daniels a couple of times in this stanza, but Daniels was the more aggressive and sustained his attack better. This gave him a tiny edge. Judges Bernie Friedkin and Georgie Colon gave him the bout, 4-2; judge Ted Wint saw it 3-3. *The Ring* also had it 4-2, Daniels, who is now 3-1. Byrd is also 3-1, three kayoes. Fred Ucci refereed.

Tough Pedro Marquez, 167, Brooklyn, had an easy time of it against Billy Sullivan, 167, Syracuse, N.Y., stopping him at 0:18 of the third in a scheduled four. Sullivan had guts and nothing else, and Marquez bombed him all over the ring. There were no knockdowns, but Sullivan was ready to go when the bell ended Round Two and just barely made it to ring center for the third heat. Ref Mercante saved him after a punch or two. Marquez, who just might be a sleeper, is 5-2, three kayoes; Sullivan disimproved to 3-3, one kayo.

Announcer: Ed Derian.
Timekeeper: Cecilio Pedraja.
Attendance: 3,200 (est.)
(10-29-87)

JOSEPH D'O'BRIAN

▶STATEN ISLAND—Monsignor Farrell High School—Time, weather and location all worked against this less than magical promotion. TV needed a slot filled, and quickly. No time to lose putting this one together. The heavens opened, and opened, and opened—it rained all day, did it ever. Talk about in the middle of nowhere. No wonder they still call Staten Island the forgotten borough.

In the main event, scheduled for 10, Tracy Spann, 140, Plainfield, NJ, won by KO at 1:45 of Round Four over the awkwardly inadequate, but gutty Franco Nava (a/k/a Frank Navas), 141, NYC, via Venezuela. The undefeated southpaw (14-0, nine KO's) dominated from the start, eager to take care of business. Nava had little to offer but effort and paid for his willingness by crashing to the deck head-first via a finishing left hook. It was a double BANG; from the punch and the canvas. Referee Luie Rivera didn't bother to go past three.

Clarence Coleman, 144, Orange, NJ, took a shutout (all cards 8-0) eight-round decision over switch-hitting Donnie Parker, 141½, Baltimore. Parker and his much ado about nothing routine didn't fool the judges in this one. Coleman, in raising his mark to 11-1-1, four KO's, did his best to keep cool. The referee was Rivera.

Elderly veteran (he boxed Howard Davis in 1977) Dominick Monaco, 125½, Brooklyn, won his second bout after an eight-year layoff via a TKO at 2:35 of the sixth and final round over southpaw Keith Jenkins, 123, Phila., Pa.With both men fighting in spurts, the stronger Monaco finally began to tee off in the sixth and referee Oscar Perez stopped the bout without complaint from Jenkins.

Louie Palumbo, 142½, S.I., won a four-round majority decision over James Woodhouse, 142½, Phila. Woodhouse used some tricks to stymie the aggressive Palumbo and the outcome was a tossup. However, the 4-0 card for Palumbo by judge Al Reid was way out of line. Coley Wallace had it 2-1-1, while judge Nick Cimino saw it 2-2, as did *The Ring*. The referee was Rivera.

Local southpaw Walter Houston, 152½, had an easy time of it against Richard Quiles, 151½, Brooklyn, and won by TKO at 2:05 of the fifth in a scheduled six. "Two Gun" just had too many bullets for Quiles to absorb. The end came when the Quiles corner tossed in the towel and referee Perez stopped the bout.

In a pitiful matchup, Brooklyn prospect Alex Stewart, 216, raised his mark to 6-0 (all by KO) when he TKO'd woefully unprepared Jimmy Harrison, 200, Malden, Ma., at 0:40 of Round Two; scheduled for six. Harrison was dropped twice in that session. Ref; Perez.

Timekeeper: Vinny Gioanone.
Promoter: Magical Promotions (Cha Cha Ciarcia).
Matchmaker: Don Elbaum.
Television: Live on USA Cable.
Attendance: 300 (est. 210 paid).
(10-27-87)

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2. Carl Williams (US)
3. Tony Tucker (US)
4. James Smith (US)
5. Frank Bruno (England)
6. James Broad (US)
7. James Douglas (US)
8. Tyrell Biggs (US)
9. Larry Alexander (US)
10. Tony Tubbs (US)
11. Tim Witherspoon (US)
12. Willie de Wit (Canada)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Evander Holyfield (US)
1. Dwight Qawi (US)
2. Anthony Witherspoon (US)
3. Alfonzo Ratliff (US)
4. Sherman Griffin (US)
5. Bash Ali (US)
6. Ricky Parkey (US)
7. Patrick Lumumba (Kenya)
8. Jose Flores (Uruguay)
9. Sammy Reeson (England)
10. Jeff Lampkin (US)
11. Tony Fulilangi (Tonga)
12. Daniel Netto (Argentina)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Charles Williams (US)
1. Alex Blanchard (Holland)
2. Bobby Czyz (US)
3. Rufino Angulo (France)
4. Nestor Giovannini (Argentina)
5. Anthony Willis (US)
6. Ramzi Hassan (US)
7. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
8. Blain Longsden (England)
9. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Venezuela)
10. Joe Lasisi (Nigeria)
11. Willie Featherstone (Canada)
12. Chris Reid (US)

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Chong-Pal Park (Korea)
1. Don LaLonde (Canada)
2. Lindell Holmes (US)
3. Vincent Boulware (US)
4. Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
5. Dario Matteoni (Argentina)
6. Nicky Walker (US)
7. Sanderline Williams (US)
8. Tarmo Uusivirta (Finland)
9. Lenny LaPaglia (US)
10. Graciano Rocchigiane (Germany)
11. Mustafa Hamsho (US)
12. Doug Sam (Australia)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Frank Tate
1. Marvin Hagler (US)
2. Mike Olajide (Canada)
3. Michael Nunn (US)
4. Herol Graham (England)
5. Mark Janssen (Australia)
6. Doug DeWitt (US)
7. Tony Thornton (US)
8. Iran Barkley (US)
9. Juan Roldan (Argentina)
10. Roberto Duran (Panama)
11. Errol Christie (England)
12. Troy Darrell (US)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Matthew Hilton (Canada)
1. In-Chul Baek (Korea)
2. Buster Drayton (US)
3. Robert Hines (US)
4. Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)
5. Troy Waters (Australia)
6. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
7. Donald Curry (US)
8. John Jackson (US)
9. Said Skouma (France)
10. Darrin Van Horn (US)
11. Felipe Nino (Panama)
12. Lupe Aquino (US)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Lloyd Honeyghan (England)
2. Yun-Kil Chung (Korea)
3. Simon Brown (US)
4. Tyrone Trice (US)
5. Rollin Williams (US)
6. Tomas Molinares (Colombia)
7. Mark Breland (US)
8. Maurice Blocker (US)
9. Felipe Canela (US)
10. Bobby Joe Young (US)
11. Tommy Ayers (US)
12. Al Long (US)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Frankie Warren (US)
2. Buddy McGirt (US)
3. Eung-Sik Kim (Korea)
4. Jong Jung Pacquing (Philippines)
5. Joe Manley (US)
6. Meldrick Taylor (US)
7. Harold Brazier (US)
8. Sang-Ho Lee (Korea)
9. Reyes Cruz (Dominican Republic)
10. John Meekins (US)
11. Hugo Hernandez (Argentina)
12. Wilf Gentzen (Australia)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Vinny Pazienza (US)
1. Greg Haugen (US)
2. Pernell Whitaker (US)
3. Chil-Sung Chun (Korea)
4. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
5. Amancio Castro (Columbia)
6. Fred Pendleton (US)
7. Gert Bo Jacobsen (Denmark)
8. John Duplessis (US)
9. Primo Ramos (Mexico)
10. Sakad Petchyindee (Thailand)
11. Frankie Randall (US)
12. Terrence Alli (US

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Rocky Lockridge (US)
1. Harold Knight (US)
2. Jim McDonnell (England)
3. Pulo Sugaray (Indonesia)
4. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
5. Thomas DaCruz (Brazil)
6. Salvatore Bottiglieri (Italy)
7. Tony Lopez (US)
8. Ariel Duran (Philippines)
9. Johnny De La Rosa (US)
10. Felipe Orozco (Colombia)
11. Geron Porras (Philippines)
12. Alvaro Bohorquez (Colombia)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Antonio Rivera (Korea)
1. Kwon Chul (Korea)
2. Calvin Grove (US)
3. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
4. Lupe Suarez (US)
5. Hector Lopez (US)
6. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
7. Mauricio Stecca (Italy)
8. Jean Marc Renard (Belgium)
9. Hirohomi Minami (Japan)
10. Alexander Wassa (Indonesia)
11. Jae-Yong Hwang (Korea)
12. Jamie Polo (Colombia)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Seung-Hoon Lee (Korea)
1. Moises Fuentes (Colombia)
2. Jose Sanabria (US)
3. Yong-Woon Park (Korea)
4. Luis Mendoza (Colombia)
5. Samart Payakaroon (Thailand)
6. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
7. Valero Nati (Italy)
8. Jesse Benevides (US)
9. James Pipps (US)
10. Aaron Lopez (US)
11. Ruben Palacio (Colombia)
12. Jorge Diaz (US)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Kelvin Seabrooks
1. Earnie Cantuluna (Philippines)
2. Thierry Jacob (France)
3. Kaokor Galaxy (Thailand)
4. Luis Curtis (US)
5. Jimmy Navarro (US)
6. Fabrice Benichou (France)
7. Miguel Maturana (Colombia)
8. Raul Perez (Mexico)
9. Ezequiel Hernandez (Colombia)
10. Wiem Sapulete (Indonesia)
11. Gaby Canizales (US)
12. Louis Gomis (France)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Elly Pical (Indonesia)
1. Raul Diaz (Colombia)
2. Ki-Chang Kim (Korea)
3. Juan Polo (Colombia)
4. Tae-Il Chang (Korea)
5. Soon-Chun Kwon (Korea)
6. Francisco Alvarez (Colombia)
7. Cesar Polanco (Dominican Republic)
8. Mauro Diaz (Mexico)
9. Chun Huh (Korea)
10. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
11. Pat Bracero (Philippines)
12. Dong-Choon Lee (Korea)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Chang-Ho Choi (Korea)
1. Rolando Bohol (Philippines)
2. Duke McKenzie (England)
3. Bi-Wong Chung (Korea)
4. Dodie Penalosa (Philippines)
5. Elvis Alvarez (Colombia)
6. Ramon Medal (US)
7. Hi-Sup Shin (Korea)
8. Rae-Ki Ahn (Korea)
9. Hiroshi Murozumi (Japan)
10. Dodi Penalosa (Philippines)
11. Oh-Kong Son (Korea)
12. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Jum-Hwan Choi (Korea)
1. Cho-Woon Park (Korea)
2. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
3. Mario DeMarco (Mexico)
4. Sonny Vidal (Philippines)
5. Rodolfo Alvarado (Mexico)
6. Francisco Tejedor (Colombia)
7. Azadin Anhar (Indonesia)
8. Jorge Cano (Mexico)
9. Toribio Riascos (Colombia)
10. Virgillo Chifundo (Panama)
11. Roy Thompson (Panama)
12. Tacy Macalos (Philippines)

MINI FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Kyung-Yon Lee (Korea)
1. Boy Lucas (Philippines)
2. John Arief (Indonesia)
3. Samuth Sithnarvepol (Thailand)
4. Eric Chavez (Philippines)
5. Trang Bunlerd (Thailand)
6. Den Sorthanikul (Thailand)
7. Nana Suhana (Indonesia)
8. Rolando Protacio (Philippines)
9. Mai Thonburifarm (Thailand)
10. Sung-Woo Lee (Korea)
11. Thanjai Kiatthavatchai (Thailand)
12. Julius Leojan (Indonesia)

▶**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—A medium-sized crowd, most of it latecomers, turned up for this card that featured the comeback of Irish fan attractor and light heavyweight Chris Reid.

"Comeback" may not be the right word as it implies Reid once fell from a high place. Reid is another of those "Garden favorites" who have a year in the sun in one city only, then you never hear from them again. It was his first fight since being knocked out in the Forum by former middleweight contender Fulgencio Obelmejias five months previous. In that one, Reid was decked six times before being stopped in the 10th and last round. His fans said Reid won the rounds in which he wasn't on the canvas, which is similar to saying Japan won some rounds until we dropped the Atomic Bomb.

Reid's comeback wasn't much of a test. Original opponent Carlos Santistivan failed his physical at such late notice his name was still in the program. The Garden reached into its emergency hat and came up with Irwin Hines of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Hines was once a rough trialhorse middleweight. As recently as last year, he gave Kevin Moley a good scrap at the Forum. But he isn't a natural light heavy, as Reid is, though he managed to blow himself up to 172 pounds when he entered the ring, an 11½-pound gain in a year. Reid, of Little Silver, NJ, weighed 171 and came into the ring with his usual retinue of bagpipers.

Reid knocked out Hines at 2:27 of the fourth round, but certainly didn't look like an all-around fighter doing it. Reid threw every punch like he was a bar bouncer trying to impress a Hollywood talent scout seated ringside. Hines was no match for Reid's raw power, though, and by the time the third round started he had already adapted the hopeless strategy of fighting off the ropes. All that did was make him a sitting duck for Reid's roundhouse swings, which were clumsy, but also powerful. Reid was going right-hand crazy, but in the fourth he connected with two shots that had the impact of a baseball bat. The result was two successive knockdowns, and ref Luis Rivera got a dazed Hines out of there.

Hines fell to 17-14-1 with nine knockouts, while Reid is up to 18-1-1 with 17 knockouts. His offense is Goliath, but his defense is Tom Thumb.

In a four-round preliminary, Lyles Williams, 179, Port Chester, New York, scored his fourth straight knockout with no losses. The embarrassed victim was Andres Hayes, 180, Asbury Park, New Jersey. Williams quickly exploded an atomic right hand to the button and Hayes was out cold at only 17 seconds of the first round! Poor Hayes wanted to pull a paper bag over his head. Wouldn't you?

In a scheduled eight-rounder, hot prospect Aaron Davis, 149, The Bronx, won his 13th without a loss. His seventh KO victim was Brian Nitz, 147, Pomeroy, Ohio, who was finished at 2:54 of the fourth round. Pomeroy lost for the first time after seven straight knockout wins. Now any experienced fight fan knows that a guy who nicknames himself "Blitz Nitz" is going to be caarried out in a laundry basket. It's just a question of how soon. Nitz was over-eager and missed a lot of hurried punches. Davis proved a cool destroyer and started things in earnest when he landed a double right to Nitz' temple midway through the third round. Late in the fourth, Davis drove home a combo of left-ribs, left-jaw, right ribs. Though it took an extra pair of left hooks to deck Nitz for the count, it was the vicious body combo that took all the fight out of him.

Tomas Hernandez, 136, The Bronx, won his first in two tries when he flattened Augustin Centeno, 133, The Bronx, at the close of the second round of their four. Hernandez was in control from the beginning, gorying Centeno's nose with left uppercuts early in the first and sending him back down, feet over head, with a booming right hook that landed just as the bell sounded ending the second. Centeno could not be saved by the bell. He got up at eight, but was in no shape to go on and Hernandez was awarded a TKO.

In the walkout six, Ricardo Cepeda, 124, The Bronx, upped his record to 5-0-1 with three knockouts when ref Harry Smith rescued an outclassed Floyd Simmons, 123, Baltimore, at 1:31 of the third. In the second, Cepeda landed a right under the chin and Simmons' head snapped straight up until he was looking at the ceiling murals. After that, Cepeda took swift control of what had started as a powder-puff match.

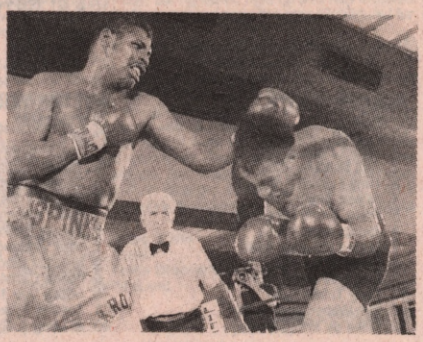
In a completely ordinary fight, Tim Burgess, 138, Brooklyn, made his record 12-2-2 with an eight-round points verdict over Randy "Brown Sugar" Richardson, 137, Washington, D.C. The judges scored 5-3 (twice) and 6-2, but this reporter had a shutout for Burgess save an even fourth round. The biggest excitement came when the bell rang only two minutes into the fifth round. Richardson is 8-2-1.

In the 10-round semifinal, supposed setup Ed "Peewee" Parker, 127, Houston, surprised by holding far more experienced Myron Taylor, 129, Philadelphia, to a draw. Myron is the brother of top-ranked lightweight contender and Olympic champ Meldrick Taylor. Parker is now 9-2-1, while Taylor stands 22-6-2 with 11 knockouts. Judge Barbara Perez had a 5-5 draw, with Carol Castellano going for Parker, 6-4, while Harold Lederman had it a big 7-3 for Taylor, which almost matched this reporter's 7-2-1. But all rounds had the slimmest of margins and, as usual, the draw verdict pleased absolutely nobody. In the first round, Taylor surprised Parker with an odd-angle left hook to the chops, and Parker hit the floor in a delayed-action tumble. But ref Johnny Colon called it a slip. Taylor staggered Parker in the sixth with a right-hand bomb to the head, but the most exciting round was the fifth, which was violent toe-to-toe for almost the entire three minutes. It was an intriguing, if not a consistently exciting fight.

The celebrity contingent was a huge one. Along with ex-middleweight champ Joey Giardello were Meldrick Taylor, junior lightweight Tyrone Jackson, ex-middleweight champ Vito Antuofermo, ex-double titleholder Juan LaPorte and middleweight contender Michael "The Silk" Olajide in his usual fashion-plate outfit that made him look like a bobby in jolly old England. And, oh yes, Hector Camacho, who showed up after the main event went on. He was announced as arriving "a little late, but with his wardrobe." Camacho took the microphone and said, "Eat your heart out, thank you," and left the ring! Ah, Hector. You and your Zorro-style hat. How about a fight between Olajide and Camacho where they throw expensive accessories at each other at 30 paces?

Attendance: 1,354.
(11-12-87)

CHARLES D. BROWN



Former world heavyweight champion Leon Spinks (left) misses with a left aimed at Terry Mims in their 10-rounder in Cleveland. The fortunes of Spinks continued to sag as he dropped a split decision.

OHIO

▶**CLEVELAND—Swingo's**—Former heavyweight champion Leon Spinks and veteran Terry Mims were featured in the main event entitled "The Quake on the Lake."

Before the bout, most ringsiders didn't know what to expect as both boxers have seen better days. However, the bout turned out to be very entertaining, with both landing heavy artillery throughout.

With the hometown crowd cheering him on, Mims, 190, Cleveland, began to take control in the middle rounds, simply by outhustling Spinks, 210, Detroit. At the close of the 10-rounder, Mims was awarded a split decision, Kathy Terrell scoring 47-45 and Tom Figley 49-43 for the winner, while Joe Hammett saw it 47-46 for Spinks, who should retire.

In a featured 10-rounder, Phillip Morefield, 160, Detroit, was simply too strong for a game Tyrone McKnight, 160, New Orleans, stopping him with a minute left in the seventh. McKnight was down once in the sixth and twice in the seventh before referee Earl Jewell wisely called a halt.

World-class middleweight Sanderline Williams, 162, Cleveland, found Anthony Jones, 152, Milwaukee, an easy target for right hands, stopping him in just two minutes of a scheduled eight.

Bright prospect Donnell Wingfield, 177, Cleveland, wore down southpaw James Robinson, 174, Milwaukee, a left hook putting Robinson down for the count at 2:45 of the second round of a scheduled six.

Comebacking Harry Terrell, 217, Cleveland, boxed his way to a unanimous verdict over rugged Lorenzo Canady, 225½, Detroit, in a six-rounder.

In what was probably the best matchup of the night, Nick Pappas, 176, Cleveland, and Governor Chavers, 175, Canton, waged a see-saw pier-sixer until the bout was halted at the end of the first round due to an ugly gash above the left eye of Pappas. Replays showed an accidental head butt caused the damage, so a technical draw was the ruling in the scheduled four.

Art Tucker, 211, New York, had too many guns for a tough Roby Robinson, 218, Windsor, stopping him at 2:59 of the first of a scheduled four.

Promoter: John Giachetti/TKO Productions.
Matchmaker: Tom Vacca.
Inspector: Jim Wilson.
Referees: Jackie Keough & Earl Jewell.
Judges: Kathy Terrell, Tim Figley & Joe Hammett.
Attendance: 1,200 (est.).
(10-20-87)

ERICH GLIEBE

OKLAHOMA

▶**OKLAHOMA CITY—Central Plaza**—Okmulgee's Mark Hammon ended his first scheduled eight-rounder in the fourth, scoring a TKO over Lee Cargel.

Hammon, 14-1 with 11 knockouts, had Cargel down twice in the third round.

"This was a real big win for Mark," said Hammon's trainer Ron Warrior. "This was a step up in competition. Cargel was ranked among the top 20 in the world at one time."
(10-3-87)

▶**TULSA—Brady Theater**—Oklahoma City's Dwayne Swift, 135, notched his 12th knockout in a 14-0 record, stopping Simmie Black, 136, Memphis, in the third round of a scheduled eight.

Swift finished the bout with a left hook.

Tulsa middleweight Cecil Pettigrew knocked out Memphis' Bruce Card in four.

Nashville lightweight Jerome Coffee stopped Oklahoma City's Vernon Garrett in three.

Promoter: Stan Allen.
(9-29-87)

▶**OKLAHOMA CITY—Central Plaza Hotel**—Heavyweight Jerry "Wimpy" Halstead, Midwest City, improved his record to 29-2 with 26 knockouts, finishing Al Jones of Memphis in the

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sixth round of a scheduled 10.

Halstead decked Jones three times in the sixth before the visitor was counted out at 2:44. Jones' record fell to a reported 15-33.

A six-round welterweight matchup saw Green Pasture's Rodney Porter win by unanimous decision over Simmie Black of Memphis.

A four-round middleweight bout ended quickly as Greg Ottaway, Stillwater, flattened Spencer's John Smith in just 1:44.
(10-20-87)

TENNESSEE

▶**MEMPHIS—Omni-Daisy Theatre**—Knox Brown's 23-month reign as Mid South Boxing's southern middleweight champion came to an end as Tupelo, Mississippi's Paul Thorn took the crown with a unanimous 12-round decision.

The 23-year-old Thorn won cards of 116-112, 118-109 and 118-112 to become the first non-Memphian to win a Mid South Boxing belt. Thorn is 12-2, with Brown, who has lost five of his last eight, dropping to 27-8-1.

Brown started well, but Thorn took over from the fourth round on and thwarted any thoughts of a Brown comeback when he rocked the champion with a left hook in the 10th round.

"I got a bit tired in the sixth and seventh rounds," Thorn told Pete Wickham of *The Commercial Appeal* in Memphis. "But then I got my second wind, and I was okay. Everyone said I couldn't last that long with Knox Brown, that he'd kill me in the later rounds. But I have stamina, too."

Brown agreed, telling Wickham, "Maybe I've gone one too many wars like this. I thought they'd get me ready for the later rounds, but he was fresher."

Covington's Chuck Glover, 148, pushed his record to 17-2 with an 11-second knockout of Memphis' Tommy Jeans, 152, in a scheduled six. Jeans, who is 5-8, dropped from Glover's first right hand.

Savannah, Tennessee's Stan Holt, 184, also ended his evening in a hurry, knocking out Earl Thomas, 176, Memphis, in only 1:32. Holt is 3-1, Thomas, 13-7.

Brian Grant, 165, Memphis, stopped Osceola, Arkansas' Chester Jackson, 160, at 2:51 of the third of a scheduled six. Grant is 12-2, Jackson, 6-5.

In a match between Memphis middleweights, Danny Wright, 158, stopped Bruce Card, 164, at 2:51 of the second of a scheduled four. Wright evened his log at 1-1, while Card fell to 39-19-1.

Promoter: Tom Harmon/Mid South Boxing, Inc.
Matchmaker: Red Fortner.
Announcer: Sleepy Rutherford.
Judges: Gilbert Beam, James Perkins, Haywood Watts, Sam Garland & Mark Atherson.
Referees: Jim Kidd, Garland & Irving Tucker.
Timekeeper: Rod Cardone.
Physicians: Jeff Hoover & Lee Wilson.
Attendance: 600 (est.).
(11-3-87)

MICHAEL GLENN

TEXAS

▶**CORPUS CHRISTI—Memorial Coliseum**—Main Events "on the verge of greatness" card got off to an embarrassing start but was saved from total ruin by two of Corpus Christi's own.

Olympian Jerry Page took on last-minute replacement Alfredo Cerda of Monterrey, Mexico, in the opening welterweight contest. Page appeared afraid to hurt the over-matched Cerda in the opening seconds, but eventually succumbed to the boos of the crowd and dropped the Mexican fighter with a furious six-punch barrage at 1:12 of the first round. Page, out of Columbus, Ohio, ended the embarrassment with a huge right that left Cerda flat on his face and the restless promoters wondering how to fill the space that was to have been occupied by the other 9½ rounds of the fight. Page's record now stands at 7-0, while Cerda's falls to 8-4.

Welterweight Ricky Alvarez of Corpus Christi made short work of another Mexican fighter in Vidal Tellez of Nueva Laredo in the second scheduled six-rounder. Alvarez used a good mix of punches to confound his opponent in the early going and finally decked him for good with a sneaky right at 1:32 of the fourth round. Alvarez's record now stands at an impressive 6-1, while Tellez is at 8-6.

Meldrick Taylor was barely able to work up a sweat in his three minute and 50-second victory over Richard Fowler of Albuquerque, New Mexico. The welterweight clash was scheduled for 10 rounds, but few in attendance expected it to go far after watching Fowler (17-7) try to match hand speed with Taylor in the opening minute of Round One. Taylor's punches landed flush for the most part while the New Mexican's harmlessly grazed the bobbing head of the Olympian from Philadelphia. After opening the second with a heavy body attack, Taylor landed three straight uppercuts that had referee Lefty Barrera counting Fowler out at 50 seconds of the round. Taylor has only a draw to mar his 20-fight career.

Roland "Bad News" Gomez of Corpus Christi celebrated his selection to Lou Duva's boxing stable by successfully defending his WBC Americas flyweight title in the fourth fight of the night. The partisan crowd looked for another quick knockout, but challenger Gilbert Contreras of Wichita Falls had some bad news for "Bad News," He was here to go the distance.

Gomez exhibited a talented left hand in the early going, stinging Contreras with the jab and then loading up with some heavy left hooks. The Corpus Christian worked well underneath and did considerable damage to the body of the taller challenger. Several good shots to the head left Contreras hanging on at the end of Round Four.

The middle rounds belonged to the challenger as Gomez mysteriously changed his aggressive tactics and became content to try and outbox his opponent. Contreras used his long jab to keep the local favorite away and landed countless combinations to the head of Gomez throughout rounds five through nine. Possibly thinking his was behind in the fight, Gomez went back after Contreras in the final three rounds. Lots of good left hooks and more punishing body work in the last three rounds changed the minds of two of the three judges. Gomez (17-1) retained his championship by way of split decision. Referee Mark Tessman.

In the night's main event, Corpus Christi's Lupe Suarez (132½) finally overcame the challenge of tough Tommy Cordova in Round Nine of a scheduled 10-round lightweight tilt. Suarez, with a record of 25-1 and hoping for a title shot, landed every conceivable punch and combination of punches in the fight, sending Cordova to the canvas in the fifth twice and once more in the eighth. Cordova, who had bailed himself out with wild left hooks and a hard chin countless times in the fight, was saved from further pounding when his handlers threw in the towel at 1:15 of the ninth. Mark Tessman refereed the bout.

Promoter: Main Events.
Matchmaker: Wayne Harrison.
Physicians: Xico Garcia & Hector Garcia.
Referees: Lefty Barrera & Mark Tessman.
Attendance: 2,500.
(11-4-87)

CHARLES YOUNTS

CANADA

▶**SUDBURY, ONTARIO—Sudbury Arena**—After an absence of 15 years, professional boxing returned to the Sudbury Arena. The result was a good attendance, with the fans liking what they saw.

In the main event, Shawn O'Sullivan, Toronto, and Darryl Anthony, St. Louis, were scheduled for 10, but O'Sullivan emerged victorious in the ninth.

Pushing his record to 16-1, O'Sullivan turned in the best performance of his young career against the clever, crafty Anthony, who came in 20-4-2. In the early going, it was Anthony who scored well with a fast, accurate left hand. Anthony managed to open small cuts over O'Sullivan's eyes, but they were easily controlled by O'Sullivan's corner.

As the bout progressed, it was O'Sullivan who was scoring with the more powerful punches, but Anthony stayed right in there. At times, O'Sullivan opened up with hard attacks to the body and head but his opponent, showing good professional experience, worked his way out of trouble.

A hard left hook in Round Nine dropped Anthony. He beat the count, but referee Fern Chretien called in the doctor to examine three cuts over Anthony's right eye. The doctor allowed the fight to continue, but Anthony shook his head and went back to his corner at 1:57.

It was a wise decision by Anthony, who knew he was behind on points and suffering from an eye injury. There was no point in running the risk of further damage.

With his impressive showing, O'Sullivan has little opposition in the Canadian welterweight ranks.

In the semifinal, Mark Adams, Sackville, Nova Scotia, won a 12-round split decision over Toronto's John Kalbhenn to win the vacant Canadian lightweight title. It was an exciting fight due to the contrast in styles, Adams being strictly a defensive fighter with the aggressive Kalbhenn walking right in with both hands swinging. It was very obvious both were sadly lacking in experience for a championship bout. Adams, who now has a record of 8-0, including a previous win over Kalbhenn, failed to land any combination punches on an opponent who came straight in with little defense. Instead, Adams was content to land a single blow before moving away. Kalbhenn chased his opponent round after round, throwing punches from all angles, with few, if any, landing. He was unable to cut the ring on his much faster opponent. Early in the fight, referee Harry Davis tried to get more action from both. The loss left Kalbhenn 15-5-2.

Promoter: W.D. Promotions.
Referees: Davis & Chretien.
Judges: Gaudet, Chretien & Trimbee.
Announcer: Wylie.
Attendance: 3,000.
(10-29-87)

▶**NOTES:** Bob Arum sold the biggest "turkey" of 1987 to All Canada Sports with the closed circuit showing from the Las Vegas Hilton of the Thomas Hearns/Juan Roldan WBC middleweight championship fight. The Toronto fans stayed clear of this one, which was shown at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre, which seats about 1,000 people at $20 a ticket. At fight time, not more than 500 tickets had been sold and, in an effort to salvage a complete write-off, All Canada sold the rights to a couple of clubs on the Airport Strip, which put on the show for $10 a ticket, which included free parking and the usual night club show. So little interest was shown that the following day only Associated Press coverage was reported and the results of the undercard were not included . . . The latest ratings issued by the Canadian Professional Boxing Federation list Willie deWit of Grand Prairie heavyweight champion, with Toronto's Willie Featherstone Canadian and Commonwealth light heavy champ. Donovan Boucher, Toronto, is welterweight champ, with Nova Scotia's Mark Adams lightweight champ. The middleweight and featherweight crowns are vacant. A total of 48 boxers are listed in the six divisions, including the champions. Canadian championship bouts have dropped in standard. O'Sullivan, Featherstone and deWit are today's best draws.

FRANK ALLNUTT

MEXICO

CHIAPAS

▶**TAPACHULA**—Welterweight Sergio "Tapana" Arreola scored a 10-round split decision victory over Octavio Robles.
(9-4-87)

▶**TAPACHULA**—Veteran flyweight Aaron Garcia demolished Erelin Valencia in two rounds.
(9-25-87)

▶**TAPACHULA**—Sergio "Tapana" Arreola destroyed Miguel "Chamaco" Gonzalez in two rounds of a welterweight bout.

Featherweight Joaquin "Pajarito" Salazar won by disqualification over Jose "Torito" Hernandez in four.

Featherweight Lerin Sanchez won a 10-round decision over Tino Ventura.
(10-16-87)

▶**TAPACHULA**—The unbeaten Marcos Gomez flattened Martin Barrera in four rounds of a welterweight matchup.

Lightweight Dagoberto Rodriguez chilled Emilio "Negro" Silva in the first.

Reyes Samayoa KO'd Fernando Barrera in two, featherweights.
(10-23-87)

▶**TAPACHULA**—Featherweight Fernando Valencia notched a 10-round decision victory over Fernando Hernandez.
(10-2-87)

CHIHUAHUA

▶**JUAREZ CITY**—Fernando Morales won a split 10-round decision over Candelario "Changuito" Carmona in a bantamweight bout.

GUERRERO

▶**ACAPULCO**—Calderon Nico scored a 12-round split decision victory over Mario Medel to take the Guerrero state lightweight title.

Bantamweight Ray Cisneros chilled "Filipino" Iturbide in three.

Raul Chispa stopped Joel Rivera in one of a featherweight match.

Lightweight Pablo Vargas won by decision in eight over Juan Renteria.

Bantamweight Ramon Pastenes halted Miguel Lozada in one.
(10-9-87)

HIDALGO

▶**ACTOPAN**—Juan Camacho knocked out Juan Rincon in two of a featherweight match.
(9-25-87)

▶**ACTOPAN**—Armando "Jaiba" Salazar knocked out Juan "Dinamita" Ray in one, flyweights.

JALISCO

▶**GUADALAJARA**—Rene Rodriguez took a 12-round decision from Roberto Rios to capture the vacant Jalisco state bantamweight title.

Featherweight Juan Rodriguez embalmed Alberto Gomez in six.

Bantamweight Alejandro Galaviz destroyed Angel Catedral in the first.

In a featherweight six, Leonardo Plata took a decision over Armando Garcia.

A bantamweight four-rounder saw Rafael Guzman win by decision over Ricardo Gutierrez.
(9-11-87)

▶**GUADALAJARA**—A 10-round featherweight bout had Jaime Reyes win by decision over Sergio Regalado.

Featherweight Teodoro Larrios knocked out Humberto Lara.

Jose Medina won a technical decision in four rounds over Miguel Fajardo in a bantam match.

Bantamweight Gregorio Espada chilled Francisco Javier in two.

Featherweight Ismael Rodriguez TKO'd Angel Quevedo in two.
(9-18-87)

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▶**GUADALAJARA**—Wilebardo "Willy" Salazar TKO'd Rafael Morales in nine rounds to retain his Mexican flyweight title.
Sergio "Popeye" Cornejo won by split decision over Gonzalo Villalobos in a 10-round flyweight bout.
Middleweight Roger Orlaineta chilled Martin Corcuera in the first.
(10-9-87)

▶**GUADALAJARA**—Welterweight Antonio Garcia TKO'd Jesus Cardenas in five.
Jose Guerrero TKO'd Salvador Larios in the seventh of a lightweight bout.
Heavyweight Jesus Machuca stopped Ernesto Soto in one.
Fernando Diaz TKO'd Ruben Macias in three, welterweights.
Eduardo Gama won by decision over Roberto Ramirez in a six-round lightweight match.
(10-16-87)

MEXICO CITY (FEDERAL DISTRICT)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Flyweight Raul Acosta posted a 10-round decision victory over Fernando Martinez.
Another flyweight scrap saw Jorge Ortega stop Martin Reyes in eight.
Promising flyweight Jose Sarabia knocked out Jose Concepcion Velazquez in the fourth.
Flyweight Geronimo de la Cruz also ended his match in the fourth, stopping Marco A. Flores.
In a bantamweight four, Guauhtemoc Sanchez and Domingo Escalante fought to a draw.
(9-11-87)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Jose Luis "Gringo" Zepeda TKO'd Emilio Santos in two rounds of a flyweight match.
Bantamweight Victor Montero TKO'd Albino Rosas in one.
An eight-round bantamweight bout saw Aragon Perez win over Candido Corona.
Another bantamweight bout saw Josefino Suarez TKO Felipe Valladares in three.
Featherweight Benjamin Mata whipped Mario Gonzalez via a four-round decision.
(9-12-87)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Bantamweight Santiago Caballero TKO'd Miguel "Huracan" Juarez in eight.
A 10-round featherweight match between Eduardo Rojas and Artemio Ramirez ended in a draw.
Featherweight Miguel Banda TKO'd Cesar Guzman in three.
A four-round featherweight scrap saw Roberto Martinez and Bernabe Rodriguez draw.
(9-19-87)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Welterweights Luis Garcia and Felix Solano finished in a nine-round technical draw.
Flyweight Luis Francisco Perez TKO'd Luis Rivera in six.
Flyweight Leo Ortiz TKO'd Jorge Nava in three.
Pedro Lopez TKO'd Israel Cervantes in two of a lightweight bout.
Featherweight Justino Ramirez stopped Wenceslao Madariaga in two.
(9-25-87)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Hard-hitting Juan Soberanes (Bull Terry) took a 10-round lightweight decision over Fernando "Scorpion" Segura.
Flyweight Jorge Guttierez whipped Javier "Cuervo" Guerrero in 10.
Bantamweight Armando Salazar TKO'd Juan Manuel Chavez in six.
Otilio Gallegos scored a six-round bantamweight decision over Jorge Calderon.
Flyweight Jose Merino outscored Mario Garcia over four.
(9-26-87)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Victor Manuel Rabanales TKO'd Armando Castro in the first round of a bantamweight headliner.
Salvador Sara won by disqualification over Porfirio Hernandez in the third round of a featherweight match.
Lightweight Jose Ulloa TKO'd Armando Lopez in three.
Flyweight Victor Gomez TKO'd Antonio Guzman in two.
Lightweight Enrique Ventura notched a four-round decision win over Guillermo Dominguez.
Flyweights Luis Torres and Javier Alvarez drew in six.
(10-3-87)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Valente Flores TKO'd Guillermo "Memo" Flores in the fifth round of a flyweight match.
Bantamweight Manuel Ramos TKO'd Alejo Garcia in 10.
Lightweight Miguel Morales TKO'd Blas Romero in six.
Cesar Delgado TKO'd Ruben Castillo in one, bantamweights.
Lightweight Norberto Reyes TKO'd Felipe Olivar in three.
(10-10-87)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Light heavyweight Fidel Marin TKO'd Felix Mendoza in four.
Featherweight Jose Bernal TKO'd Cederino Jiminez in two.
Lightweight Fernando Cervantes TKO'd Andres Rodriguez in two.
Featherweight Aristeo de la Cruz TKO'd Martin Resillas in two.
Lightweight Juan Hernandez TKO'd Luis Vera in three.
Bantamweight Anastasio "Monito" Villarreal TKO'd Samuel Jimenez in one.
(10-16-87)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—The lightweight headliner saw Miguel Gonzalez TKO Fernando "Scorpion" Segura in the seventh round.
Juan Manuel Vega TKO'd Manuel "Manny" Lopez in five, lightweights.
Lightweight Miguel Angel Baranda TKO'd Mauricio Ferrer in one.
Bantamweight Juan Carlos Lopez TKO'd Victor Alfaro in three.
Featherweight Lauro Rodriguez chilled Joaquin Rodriguez in two.
Jose Luis Menendez won a four-round decision over Fernando Velazquez, featherweights.
(10-17-87)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Santiago Caballero of Venezuela won an easy 10-round decision over Arturo Mendoza in a bantamweight matchup.
Welterweight Sergio Aguirre TKO'd Octavio Robles in six.
Roman Jimenez won by disqualification in four over Juan Esquivel, bantams.
Flyweight Diego Herrera won by disqualification over Clemente Flores in two.
Bantamweight Adrian Parra decisioned Gustavo de la Rosa in four.
(10-24-87)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Veteran Diego Avila scored a 10-rounder decision victory over Victor Manuel Rabanales in a bantamweight bout.
Flyweight Alejandro "Alex" Sanabria TKO'd Jorge Gutierrez in two.
Lightweight Albino Degollado TKO'd Manuel Pichardo in six.
Francisco Bernal TKO'd Ignacio Jacome in two, bantams.
Featherweight Solin Smith TKO'd Mario Padilla in two.
(10-31-87)

NORTH BAJA CALIFORNIA

▶**MEXICALI**—Former Mexican featherweight champion Javier "Changa" Marquez technically KO'd Juan "Kid" Meza in the eighth round.
Marquez, a lefthander, floored the former WBC super bantamweight king twice and cut him on both eyebrows in winning easily.
Meza announced his retirement after the loss.
Gilberto Roman, former WBC super flyweight champion, technically stopped newcomer Marco Antonio "Cachorro" Ramirez in six rounds.
Jorge "Maromero" Perez, once considered promising, failed to impress when he narrowly decisioned unknown "Batman" Lewis of the United States over 10 rounds in the featherweight class.
Fili Montoya embalmed Pedro Rodriguez in the second round of another featherweight affair.
Still another featherweight match saw Raul Franco flatten Heriberto Rodriguez in three.
(10-30-87)

▶**TIJUANA**—Raul "Jibaro" Perez won a unanimous decision over Jorge Ramirez in a 10-round bantamweight match.
Veteran bantam Diego Avila TKO'd Antonio Lozada in seven.
(10-12-87)

▶**TIJUANA**—Juan Hernandez won a unanimous decision over veteran Mexican light heavyweight king David "Maceton" Cabrera in 12 rounds to capture the crown.
Promising middleweight Jesus "Bebe" Gallardo chilled Olegario Beltran in two rounds.
(10-19-87)

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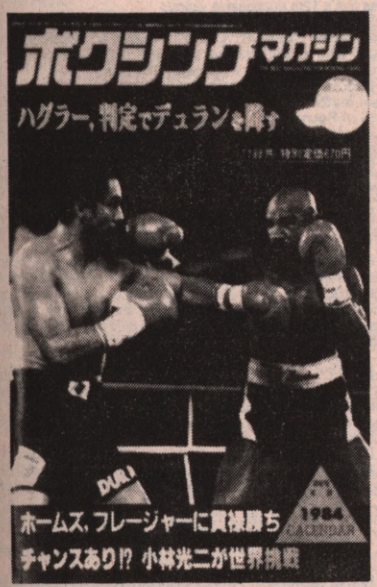

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NUEVO LEON

▶**MONTERREY**—Jesus Alberto Cortez TKO'd Raymundo "Battling" Torres Jr. in the eighth round of a middleweight contest. (8-27-87)

▶**MONTERREY**—Featherweight Javier Camacho improved his record to 14-1 with a three-round TKO of Alejandro "Puma" Robles. (10-16-87)

PUEBLA

▶**HUACHINANGO**—Lightweight Kid Fernandez won a 10-round decision from Ismael Salinas.

Another lightweight 10 saw Maurilio Perez and "Chocolate" Navarro draw. (8-28-87)

QUINTANA ROO

▶**CANCUN**—Promising Humberto "Chiquita" Gonzalez, unbeaten in 19 fights, won easily by points over 12 rounds against southpaw Jorge Cano to capture the Mexican junior flyweight title.

Lightweight Mario "Chino" Lizarraga won a 10-round decision over Alfonso Perez Robinson.

Flyweight Francisco "Paco" Ramirez whipped Jose "Polvorita" Perez in 10.

Alfredo Chale scored a seven-round technical decision over Teo Batun. (9-26-87)

▶**CHETUMAL**—Flyweight Jorge "Estudiante" Rivera took a 10-round decision over Antonio "Tony" Hong.

Veteran bantamweight Faustino "Rabanito" Martin won by unanimous decision over veteran Margarito "Lobo" Narvaez in 10. (10-30-87)

SAN LUIS POTOSI

▶**VALLES CITY**—Lightweight Albino Degollado KO'd Ezequiel Cano in five. (10-11-87)

SINALOA

▶**LOS MOCHIS**—Flyweight Jose Felix Montiel TKO'd Adolfo Anguiano in 10.

Featherweight Rafael "Gato" Toledano KO'd Rogelio Juaregui in the first. (9-13-87)

SONORA

▶**OBREGON**—Former WBC flyweight challenger Javier Lucas TKO'd Pedro Rabago in two.

Carlos Maxiste won over Ramon Ramos in a 10-round featherweight match.

Lightweight Jesus Gomez KO'd Carlos Lopez in three. (9-19-87)

▶**OBREGON**—Miguel Angel Dominguez TKO'd Ruben Villaman in seven rounds of a welterweight bout. (9-26-87)

▶**NAVOJOA**—Lightweight Jorge "Cocas" Ramirez won a 10-round decision over Bruno Rabanales. (10-14-87)

▶**OBREGON CITY**—Roberto "Gavilan" Collins of the Dominican Republic posted a 10-round decision triumph over Jaime Montano in a lightweight battle. (10-30-87)

SOUTH BAJA CALIFORNIA

▶**LA PAZ**—Isais Lucero TKO'd Martin Martinez in three rounds of a featherweight bout. (9-18-87)

▶**ENSENADA**—Featherweight Andres "Carita" Sandoval chilled Mario Molina in three.

Bantamweight Felipe Torres, unbeaten in 20 fights, flattened "Chino" Molinar in two.

▶**LA PAZ**—Rodolfo Batta technically stopped Ramon Aviles in seven rounds to capture the vacant Mexican super lightweight championship. (10-2-87)

▶**SANTA ROSALIA**—Narciso "Chicho" Valenzuela posted an upset by easily outpointing Mexican featherweight champion Mauro Gutierrez in 12 rounds to win the title.

▶**LA PAZ**—Mexican middleweight king Francisco Carvallo won a unanimous 12-round decision over veteran Andres "Pantera" Ramirez to retain his crown.

Lightweights Sergio Hernandez and Federico Renteria fought to a 10-round technical draw.

Featherweight Raymundo Marin knocked out Marvin Contreras in two rounds. The loss was the first for Contreras, who had won his first 17 bouts. (10-16-87)

TAMAULIPAS

▶**MADERAS**—Martin Herrera took a 10-round decision over Lino "Kanasawa" Tellez in a featherweight matchup.

Another featherweight 10-rounder saw Jose L. Sarmiento win by decision over Alex Alejandri.

Mario Perez embalmed Bulmaro Reyes in two rounds of a flyweight bout. (9-26-87)

▶**NUEVO LAREDO**—Veteran middleweight Jose Duarte took a 10-round decision win over Gonzalo "Raton" Montes. (10-9-87)

VERACRUZ

▶**CORDOBA**—Betillo Ochoa scored a 10-round decision victory over Rey "Conejillo" Hernandez in a bantamweight match. (9-4-87)

▶**POZA RICA**—A welterweight match ended quickly when veteran Jose Luis "Frijol" Madrid chilled "Chamaco" Gonzalez in the first. (8-27-87)

▶**CORDOBA**—Mexican super flyweight champion Antonio "Pipino" Perez and Elfego "Chamaco" Perez drew in a 10-round, non-title bout.

Flyweight Mario Perez won a 10-round decision over Daniel "Danny" Fuentes.

Imeldo "Jarochito" Jacome stopped Gonzalo Garcia in four, flyweights. (10-16-87)

YUCATAN

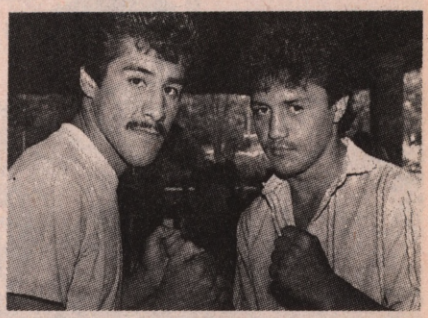
▶**MERIDA**—Hard-hitting flyweight Fernando "Candelita II" Varguez TKO'd Francisco "Buzo" Gonzalez in two.

Another flyweight encounter went the distance, Santiago Mendez winning by split decision over Javier Alonso in 10.

Featherweight Rey Cisneros TKO'd Cristobal Gamboa in two.

Southpaw lightweight Oscar Gallegos TKO'd Jose Borges in three.

Flyweight Juan "Panterita" Gonzalez TKO'd Victor Villanueva in two. (9-26-87)



Roger Arevalo (right) lost his Mexican super featherweight title when he failed to make weight for his defense against Jesus Rojas in Yucatan. Rojas, pictured left, couldn't grab the crown, though, being knocked out in the sixth round.

▶**MERIDA**—Hard-hitting Roger Arevalo lost the Mexican super featherweight crown on the scale, but he put Jesus "Chuyin" Rojas to sleep in the sixth round.

The end came when the promising kid from Yucatan connected with a demolishing left hook to Rojas' liver area.

Rafael "Raton" Alonso chalked up an upset when he easily outpointed former WBA flyweight champion Juan Herrera over 10 rounds. Herrera appeared washed up.

Mario Alberto Ku outboxed veteran lefthander Jose "Joe" Damian over 12 rounds to retain his Yucatan junior flyweight belt.

Lightweight Oscar Gallegos flattened Tony Santiago in one.

Flyweight Juan "Panterita" Gonzalez TKO'd Jose Martin in two. (10-17-87)

▶**MERIDA**—Southpaw Rosendo "Hielerito" Ake and veteran Jose Esteban "Momia" Quijano technically drew in two rounds of a flyweight bout.

Lightweight Tony Correa TKO'd Abraham Nunez in two.

Promising bantamweight Jose Juan Xool won a split six-round decision over Ernesto Matos.

Flyweights Acibiades Gallegos and Miguel Chi drew in four.

Another flyweight four-rounder ended in a stalemate, Jorge "Zapaterito" Maury and Manuel Ku sharing honors. (10-7-87)

▶**MERIDA**—Jose "Joe" Escalante outboxed Francisco Garcia Ramon, "The Tiger of Cancun," in a 10-round flyweight encounter.

Jose Juan Xool TKO'd David Montalvo in four of a bantamweight bout.

Flyweight Juan "Panterita" Gonzalez TKO'd Mando Cuevas in three.

Bantamweight Jorge Chel took a four-round decision over Luis Ruiz Lizarraga.

Flyweight Miguel Uitz decisioned Manuel Ku over four. (10-28-87)

▶**NOTES:** Former WBC flyweight champion Antonio Avelar announced his retirement in Guadalajara October 15.

EDUARDO AMER

SOUTH AMERICA

BRAZIL

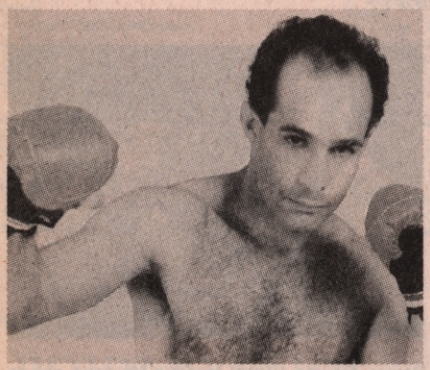
▶**JANDIRA**—Danilo Batista retained his Brazilian super bantamweight championship with a 10-round decision over Valdivino Monteiro.

Ercilio Messias stopped Inacio Domingues in the eighth round of a scheduled 10-round welterweight match.

In a flyweight eight-rounder, Reinaldo Bacarolo won on points over Manolito dos Santos.
(10-2-87)

▶**SALVADOR**—Reginaldo dos Santos stopped Mario Martiniano in the sixth round of a scheduled 10-round middleweight match.

Brazilian junior welterweight champion Luis Carlos Dorea scored a 10-round decision over Argentina's Alfredo Ayala.
(10-9-87)



Brazilian featherweight champion Sidnei dal Rovere remained active with a ninth-round KO of Argentina's Ramon Ponce.

▶**ARRARAQUARA**—Brazilian heavyweight champion Adilson "Maguila" Rodrigues scored a 10-round decision over Reggie Gross of the United States.

Brazilian super featherweight champ Francisco Tomas Cruz ended his scheduled 10 with Oscar Benevides halfway through, scoring a five-round TKO.

Another scheduled 10 ended ahead of schedule as Brazilian featherweight champ Sidnei dal Rovere stopped Argentina's Ramon Ponce in the ninth.

An eight-rounder saw Brazilian bantamweight kingpin Joao Cardoso win on points over Hugo Dias.
(10-11-87)

▶**SAO PAULO**—Francisco de Jesus retained his Brazilian junior middlweight championship with a 10-round decision over Leonel Ribeiro.
(10-18-87)

MAURO KATZENELSON

GUYANA

▶**GEORGETOWN—National Sports Hall**—Guyana junior welterweight champion Barry Cambridge added another belt to his waist when Patrick Farley was disqualified in the ninth frame of a scheduled 12 for the welterweight championship of Guyana.

Farley, 141, who patterns himself after Marvelous Marvin Hagler, used his "Crome Dome" more often than his gloves to score repeatedly to Cambridge's head. After losing points in rounds three and five, he was rightly disqualified in the ninth by referee Eon Jardine for persistently butting.

Cambridge, 141, was well ahead with scores of 80-71, 78-74 and 80-72. His record improved to 12-1-1 with eight knockouts, while Farley fell to 4-1.

Gordon Carew, 122, came on strong from the fifth round on to capture a unanimous 10-round decision over Conrad Hunte, 130. Carew is 4-2, Hunte, 6-3.

Wayne Briggs, 125, who lost a controversial decision to Linden "Buckman" Mortley, 130, evened the score with an eight-round decision that could have gone either way after a grueling bout.

Orin "Apples" Moore, 140, upped his record to 3-0 when Dr. Roy Anderson ordered that Lance Cyrus, 136, could not continue because of a profusely bleeding cut. The stoppage was really a blessing for Cyrus, who was taking a beating, continually slipping in between knockdowns. He even tried boxing in his bare feet in the fourth before the scheduled eight was stopped at 1:45.

Joe Murray, 115, entered the pro ranks with a superb first-round KO over first-timer Keith Anthony, 109. Anthony lasted 2:50.

Promoter: Frontline Promotions.
Director of Bouts: Frederick Ramprashad.
Physicians: H.C. Hugh & Royston Anderson.
Timekeeper: John Quail.
Announcer: Allan LaRose.
Referees: Green, Jardine & Fernandes.
Judges: Busby, Jardine, Henry, Arno, Green, Thorne & Fernandes.
(10-18-87)

▶**GEORGETOWN—National Sports Hall**—Local idol Mike Benjamin became the lightweight champion of Guyana when he won a very close, keenly contested 12-round battle against Jeff Roberts, the former bantamweight and present featherweight champion.

In trying for his third national title, Roberts showed good boxing skills and superb recuperative powers, particularly when hurt in the eighth round. But the hard-hitting Benjamin was the aggressor throughout and gained the nod of two of the judges.

It was announced that Benjamin had won by split decision with two judges seeing it in his favor, 105-103 and 105-104, while the third voted for Roberts, 106-105. The day after, it was pointed out to the Guyana Boxing Board of Control that those scores could not be correct for a 12-round contest using the 10-point system. The Board later announced that the scores had been tallied incorrectly. The corrected scores read 114-113 and 116-114 for Benjamin, with the third 115-115, making Benjamin, 10-1 with six KOs, a majority decision winner.

The card's semifinal did not take place because Dennis Darymple, 140, refused to pay the monetary overweight penalty imposed on him by the Board for his contest against 133-pound Raul Frank.

In an eight-rounder, Fitzroy Davidson, 126, won by unanimous decision over Wayne Briggs, 127, to improve his record to 10-9.

An action-packed eight had Lalta Narine, 115, take a close, but unanimous decision over Malcolm Hawker, 116. The scores were 78-75, 77-75 and 78-72. Narine is 6-3, Hawker, 1-4.

Ronald McBean, 122, brought his record to 3-5 with two knockouts when he stopped Gary Richardson, 125, in the second of a scheduled six.

Promoter: Jack Promotions.
Physicians: H.C. Hugh, Royston Anderson & Max Hanoman.
Timekeeper: John Quail.
Referees: Jardine, Fernandes & Adams.
Judges: Busby, Arno, Green, Thorne, Adams, Henry, Fernandes & Jardine.
Announcer: Allan LaRose.
(11-1-87)

WILL R. BOODHOO

EUROPE

GERMANY

▶**GIFHORN—Sporthall**—German light heavyweight champion, 23-year-old Graciano Rocchigiani, showed Laheen Hamdy, Algiers, that he would not be the one to spoil his 20-bout undefeated string, forcing the visitor's corner to toss in the towel in the third round.

Rocchigiani hopes to challenge IBF super middleweight champion Chong-Pal Park of South Korea, providing he can win his eliminator with Finland's Tarmo Uusivirta.

In the evening's opener, cruiserweight Mladen Grubesitz, Yugoslavia, caught German Herbert Wegner cold and won in the first round.

Germany's latest "heavyweight hope," Karl Heinz Heistermann, won his third pro start, stopping his 35-year-old Slavic import opponent, Nowak Radanovic, in three rounds. Heistermann, whose torso is a tower of eager muscle, is a realistic proposition for the foreseeable future.

In a light heavyweight bout, 30-year-old Yugoslav Ibrahim Jusufi drew a tough assignment in Nelson Alves and found the company too distinguished, being kayoed in the first round.

In an all-German cruiserweight affair, Bernd Kulle was decisioned in six rounds by 22-year-old Andreas Schweiger.

A very energetic middleweight six-rounder had German-based Briton Horace Fleury outscore German Harald Schulte.

Promoter: Dieter Schuster/Profi-Boxteam Niedersachsen.
Referee/Judges: Kasimir, Bertram & Tomser.
Attendance: 250.
(10-17-87)

JACK TREE

SWITZERLAND

▶**MORGES**—After enduring a lengthy drought, the Swiss have recently had something to crow about again.

Enrico Scacchia lost a shot at Alex Blanchard's European light heavy title, but Mauro Martelli won the welterweight title, outscoring Spaniard Alfonso Redondo, who had held the crown.

Martelli cashed in on his newly won crown, defending against 31-year-old Erwin Heiber. Martelli won a 12-round split decision, Spanish referee Justo Vasquez and French judge Michel Hrief scoring for the champion, 115-114 and 116-114, respectively, while Gaston Frantz, Luxembourg, saw it for the German, 117-115.

The verdict was obviously favorable to the local crowd, but the 100-odd German supporters who had made the journey to Morges, and whose presence did not go unnoticed thanks to their full-throated roars of encouragement, thought otherwise. A draw would have been a fairer result, enabling the champion to retain his crown while giving credit to the brave challenger who came so close to winning.

It was Heiber's first flirtation with a European title and his failure was indeed a glorious one. He had not been given much chance by the critics, but he handled himself extremely well and drew on the experience, he had gained from 30 previous wars over the last 10 years, only three of which resulted in defeats.

On entering the ring, both boxers acknowledged the roar from the crowd of 2,000-plus with a wave of the hand and when the bell sounded those same hands were cutting through the same atmosphere, but they were now encased in leather. Martelli's left eye was almost closed by the 11th and when the ring physician was called in to inspect the damage, the partisan Swiss crowd fell silent and only breathed freely again when the official gave the all-clear to box on.

Boxers do not always make good trainers, but domestic lightweight champion Rene Weller, who had taken time off to prepare his fellow countryman for the war, saw the finished project as nothing less than a masterpiece.

German boxers have now participated in 161 European championship fights, winning 78, losing 75 and drawing eight. Heiber won the domestic title in 1984, but his career almost closed when several operations on his elbow became necessary and shelved him for nearly two years.

Martelli is undefeated in 29 fights.

Attendance: 2,300.
(10-9-87)

JACK TREE

UNITED KINGDOM

▶**LONDON—York Hall**—Pat Clinton, 111¾, Croy, beat Joe Kelly, 112, Glasgow, referee Larry O'Connell intervening at 1:28 of Round Two in a scheduled 12 when Kelly was cut by the left eye. An inconclusive victory, but Clinton thus qualified to fight for the British flyweight title by winning this final eliminator. It was Pat's 12th successive victory.

Floyd Havard, 133¾, made it 14 in a row by stopping sub Mohammed Loukil, 131½, Tunisia, referee O'Connell again having to stop a fight because of an eye injury, intervening at the end of Round Four in a scheduled six twos.

Debutant Cornelius (real name John) Carr, 155¾, stopped Paul Burton, 152, Sheffield, referee Jack Snipe calling a halt at 1:55 of Round Five in a scheduled six. Both had facial injuries, but Burton was down in Round Three and under pressure when the stoppage came.

Debutant Brian Robinson, 155½, Hastings, outpointed Seamus Casey, 158, Alfreton, referee Snipe casting it 59½-58 after six twos.

Roy Rowlands, 147¼, West Ham, kayoed Brian Wareing, 144, Liverpool, who was counted out by referee Snipe at 41 seconds of the opening round.

George Collins, 149, Yateley, stopped American Larry Nichols, 155, referee O'Connell intervening at 2:11 of Round Two in a scheduled eight after Nichols had been down from a left hook, down again when Collins followed up, and was under pressure. Collins was cut on the left cheek, but didn't allow this to bother him.
(9-22-87)

▶**BATLEY—The Frontier**—Down from a right cross in Round One, Derek Wormald, 153, Rochdale, got up to outpoint Sammy Sampson, 153½, Preston, and thus win this final eliminator for the Central Area light middleweight title. Referee Ron Hackett scored it 98-97 after 10.

David Ingram, 120, Grimethorpe, kept his unbeaten record by outpointing Donny Hood, 120, Glasgow, referee Phil Cowsill scoring it 79-78 after eight, but the verdict met with a mixed reception.

James Jiora, 137½, Nigerian-born and Otley-based, is 19 years old and this was in his favor when he stopped 36-year-old Ian Murray, trialist referee Nicholas Kennedy intervening at 1:27 of Round Two in a scheduled six after Murray had been down three times.

Robert Newbiggin, 141¾, Southport, looked fortunate to beat debutant David Binns, 142, Keighley, referee Cowsill stopping the bout at 1:30 of Round Four when Binns was cut by the right eye. Binns looked ahead at that stage.

Tony Connellan, 140, Rochdale, drew with Ray Taylor, 139¾, Great Harwood, over six. Referee Cowsill.

Marvin P. Gray, 136, Consett, stopped Paul Burke, 138, Preston, referee Hackett calling a halt at 0:58 of the sixth and final round after Burke had been floored four times.
(9-15-87)

▶**LONDON—Royal Garden Hotel**—Peter Crook, 136, Chorley, outpointed the previously unbeaten Rudi Valentino, 138, Plumstead, referee Sid Nathan scoring it a narrow 59-58½ after six twos.

Tony Borg, 134, Cardiff, beat Mickey Crawford, 136, Peckham, who was retired by his corner at the end of Round Three in a scheduled six twos with Crawford cut by both eyes and under pressure. Referee Jack Snipe.

Ian Carmichael, 182, Preston, narrowly outscored Randy B. Powell, 170, Brockley, referee Nathan's card showing 59-58½ over six twos.

Johnny Nanton, 146, Walworth, beat sub James Conley, 148, Bradford, referee Snipe calling a halt at 1:04 of Round Three in a scheduled six twos when Conley had been cut by the right

eye and was under pressure.
(9-15-87)

▶**SWINDON—Stratton Community Centre**—B.F. Williams, 138, Watford, outpointed Mike Russell, 138, Plymouth, referee Denzil Lewis scoring it a narrow 78½-78 over eight twos.

Gary Champion, 139, St. Ives, outpointed Nicky Lucas, 142½, Swindon, yet another narrow verdict by referee Lewis, 59½-59 after six.

Tony Cloak, 157½, Barnstaple, stopped debutant Tony Hamblin, 154, Swindon, referee Roddy Evans intervening at 2:33 of Round Three of a scheduled four after Hamblin had been down twice. It was discovered that Hamblin had a fractured cheekbone.

Debutant Tyrone Monaghan, 150, Abingdon, stopped Mike Bird, 149½, Newport, referee Evans calling a halt at 1:48 of Round Three in a scheduled four when Bird had been floored by a right hand.
(9-18-87)

▶**GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club**—Scottish champion Steve Boyle, 134½, stopped stablemate Billy Buchanan, Dundee, 133¾, referee Mickey Vann intervening at 2:24 of Round Seven in a scheduled 12, which was a final eliminator for the British lightweight title. Buchanan had been down from a left hook.

Owen Smith, 152½, Edinburgh, outpointed Mike McKenzie, 151, Perth, over six twos. Referee Len Mullen.

Gordon Shaw, 115½, Glasgow, didn't lose a round in outpointing Mark Robertson, 114¼, referee Mullen casting it 60-58 after six twos.

Craig Windsor, 128, Coatbridge, outpointed Frank Monkhouse, 134, Greenock, referee Mullen scoring it 59½-58 after six.
(9-21-87)

▶**GLASGOW—Exhibition & Conference Centre**—Alex Dickson, 134 lb. 13 oz., Larkhall, won the British lightweight title by outpointing champion Tony Willis, 133 lb. nine oz., Liverpool, referee Adrian Morgan scoring it 118-116½, after 12. An exciting contest and Willis grimly contested every issue. It was his third defense, and he could well come again.

Alex's twin brother John Dickson, 137½, made a successful debut by outpointing John Smith, 139½, Liverpool, referee Billy Rafferty casting it a narrow 59½-59 after six.

Former British and Commonwealth heavyweight champion Hughroy Currie, 227½, outpointed Al Malcolm, the Midlands Area champion, Birmingham, 214, referee Len Mullen scoring it 78½-78 after eight.

Marvin P. Gray, 135, Stanley, outpointed Peter Bradley, 132, Glasgow, referee Mullen casting it a narrow 78½-78 over eight twos. Bradley tired in the final stages and was down briefly in the last round.

Debutant Russell Barker, 170, Dunfermline, stopped another first-timer in Joe McKenzie, 168, Newport, referee Mullen intervening at 0:48 of Round Five in a scheduled six twos after McKenzie had been floored by a right hand.

Bobby Frankham, 178, Newmarket, another debutant, outpointed Steve Osbourne, 188, referee Rafferty scoring it 59½-58 after six.
(9-24-87)

▶**WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA**—Gary Mason, 241½, Wandsworth, Britain's brightest young heavyweight prospect, made it 21 wins in a row, 20 inside the distance, by knocking out Dutchman Andre Van den Oetelaar, who was counted out by referee Dave Parris at 2:04 of Round Two in a scheduled eight.

Mickey Hughes, 148¼, St. Pancras, outpointed Kelvin Mortimer, 147½, Trebanog, scoreline 79½-77 after eight. It was Hughes' 11th successive victory and confirmed a previous win over Mortimer.

Jimmy Peters, Southampton, stopped Alan Torrance, 173½, Glasgow, the intervention coming at 1:30 of the first of a scheduled six twos.

Lightweight Dougie Munro, Glasgow, beat Ian Honeywood, Peterborough, the stoppage coming at 0:10 of Round Five in a scheduled six when Honeywood was cut by the left eye.

Mike Aubrey, Canvey Island light heavyweight, kayoed Gus Menzies, Birmingham, in Round Five of a scheduled eight twos with a right hand.

Gary Steff, 148, Barking, outpointed Ian Murray, Birmingham, by 59½-58 over six twos.
(9-25-87)

▶**LONDON—Tooting Leisure Centre**—All-Ireland light heavyweight champion Harry Cowap, 175, outpointed former titleholder Jonjo Greene, 178, in a non-title affair, referee Larry O'Connell scoring it 79½-77½. This was Cowap's third win over Greene, so he can now wrap him up and take him home.

Andrew Furlong, 141, Hammersmith, beat Oliver Henry, 142, Kings Lynn, who was retired by his corner at the end of Round Five of a scheduled eight twos when he was cut by both eyes and had been down twice. Ref O'Connell.

Paul McCarthy, 159, Southhampton, kayoed Spencer Cummings, Balham, at 1:45 of Round Three in a scheduled six twos. Ref Jack Snipe.

Lou Ayres, 154½, Morden, made a successful debut by beating Russel Burnett, 157, Brighton, who retired at the end of Round Two after being cut by both eyes. Ref Snipe.

Eddie Brooks, 158, Walworth, outpointed Danny Shinkwin, 156, Borehamwood, referee Snipe scoring it 59½-58½ after six twos. Shinkwin was down briefly in Round One.
(9-25-87)

▶**LONDON—Dulwich Baths**—Chris Harbourne, 199, Birmingham, stopped Gary McConnell, 206, Swindon, referee Ritchie Davies intervening at 1:40 of Round Three in a scheduled eight twos after McConnell had been down.

Substitute Neil Burder, 168, Swansea, stopped debutant Steve Aquilino, 161, Wolverhampton, referee Davies calling a halt at 2:00 of the fourth and final round with Aquilino under pressure.

Gary Pemberton, 158, Swansea, stopped Simon Paul, 149, Hackney, referee Davies intervening at 2:00 of the opening round in a scheduled four after Paul had been floored.

Dave Brosnan, 151¼, Eltham, kayoed debutant Tony Simpson, 151½, Streatham, at 0:50 of Round One, including the count. A left hook did the trick. Referee Tony Walker.

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Vacant
1. Chong-Pal Park (Korea)
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6. Roberto Duran (Panama)
7. Iran Barkley (US)
8. Tony Thornton (US)
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Championship
Vacant
1. In-Chul Baek (Korea)
2. Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)
3. Buster Drayton (US)
4. Donald Curry (US)
5. Darrin Van Horn (US)
6. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
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Champion
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Champion
Antonio Esparragoza (Venezuela)
1. Jose Marmolejos (Panama)
2. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
3. Calvin Grove (US)
4. Valerio Nati (Italy)
5. Hector Lopez (Mexico)
6. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
7. Tyrone Downes (Barbados)
8. Maurizio Stecca (Italy)
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JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
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2. James Pipps (US)
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4. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Republic)
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Champion
Myung-Woo Yuh (Korea)
1. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
2. Mario Demarco (Argentina)
3. Tomohiro Kiyuna (Japan)
4. Cho-Woon Park (Korea)
5. Wilibaldo Salazar (Mexico)
6. Humberto Gonzalez (Mexico)
7. Rodolfo Blanco (Colombia)
8. Francisco Tejedor (Colombia)
9. Carlos Orobio (Panama)
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MINI FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
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2. Leo Gamez (Venezuela)
3. Tony DeLuca (US)
4. Samuth Sithnarruepol (Thailand)
5. Benedicto Murillo (Panama)
6. Kenji Yokosawa (Japan)
7. Seung-Woo Lee (Korea)
8. Agustin Garcia (Colombia)
9. Pretty Boy Lucas (Philippines)
10. Ha-Sik Lim (Korea)

Johnny Nanton, 148, Walworth, also won in the first round, knocking out Delroy Pearce, 147½, Hackney, in one minute with a right hand. Referee Walker.

Debutant Branko Pavlovic, 182, Bedford, stopped Rickey Kerrick, 183, referee Walker intervening at 2:55 of the fourth and final round with Kerrick under pressure.
(9-28-87)

▶**BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club**—Sean Leighton, 161, Chorley, outpointed Seamus Casey, 163½, Alfreton, referee Harry Warner scoring it a narrow 78½-78 after eight twos.

Dave Kettlewell, 142¾, Leeds, kayoed Michale Betts, 143, Norwich, referee Warner counting him out at 1:40 of Round One in a scheduled six twos.

Robert Newbiggin, 146, Southport, outpointed Wayne Goult, 140, Norwich, referee Warner scoring it 39½-39 after four twos.

Steve Winstanley, 131½, Chorley, outpointed Tony Foster, 131½, Manchester, over six. Foster was a late, late sub, not arriving until 11:30 p.m.
(9-28-87)

▶**LOUGHBOROUGH**—Tony Heath, 122½, drew with Nigel Crook, 120, Chorley, over eight. Referee John Keane.

Shaun Cummins, 154, Leicester, outpointed Chris Richards, 155, referee Terry O'Connor casting it 59½-58 after six.

Mitchell King, Leicester, 124, outpointed Chris Clarkson, 126, Hull, by 59½-58½ over six.

Debutant Sean Cave, 144¾, Leicester, outpointed Barry Messam, 148, Nottingham, over six.
(9-23-87)

▶**LONDON—Crystal Palace Leisure Centre**—Trevor Smith, 145½, Harlow, stopped Charlie Watson, 148½, referee Roy Francis intervening after Watson had been floored by a right to the chin. Time: 1:46 of Round One. It was Smith's 10th successive victory.

Andy Till, 154, Northolt, stopped Andy Wright, 159, Tooting, referee Francis calling a halt at 1:07 of Round Two in a scheduled six twos after Wright had been down. In fairness, Wright had only accepted the bout some three or four hours earlier.

Paul Gadney, 135, Plumstead, narrowly outpointed Chubby Martin, 134, Islington, referee Reg Thompson scoring it 78½-78 after eight twos.

Danny Moul, 222, Billericay, stopped Jerry Reed, 226, Yateley, referee Thompson calling a halt at 0:47 of Round Three of a scheduled six twos after Reed was down six times and Moul twice.

Debutant Scott Durham, 126, Pontypridd, outpointed Jimmy Lee, 127, Blackburn, referee Thompson scoring it 60-57, which indicated that Durham had won every one of the six (two-minute) rounds.

Martin Smith, 140½, did well on his debut by drawing with Tony Britland, 144, Swansea, over six twos. Referee Thompson.
(9-14-87)

▶**OLDHAM—Sports Centre**—Joey Jacobs, 133½, won the Central Area lightweight title by outpointing the holder Carl Crook, 133½, Chorley, referee Brian Hogg scoring it 98½-97½ after 10.

Brian Roche, 131½, outpointed Russell Jones, 133¼, Rhondda, referee Mickey Van scoring it 79-77 after eight. Jones was down in Round Four.

Kevin Taylor, 127½, outpointed Steve Pollard, 128, referee Vann casting it 79-78 after eight.

Ray Taylor, 142, Great Harwood, outpointed Sugar Gibiliru, 140, referee Keith Garner.

Debutant John Reid, 143, Manchester, drew with David Maw, Sunderland, 142½, over four. Referee Garner.

Ted Kershaw, 150½, outpointed Tommy McCallum, 153½, Edinburgh, referee Garner's card showing a narrow 59-58½ after six twos.
(9-20-87)

▶**STOKE—European Sporting Club**—Michael Justin, 141½, Nottingham, outpointed Steve Hogg, 143, Liverpool, referee Jim Pridding casting it 79-78 after eight twos.

Darryl Ritchie, 174, Rhyl, stopped debutant Sean Stringfellow, 172½, referee Pridding intervening at 0:50 of Round One in a scheduled six twos after Sean had been floored by a left hook.

Slugger O'Toole, 164, Sheffield, outpointed Ian Jackson, 166½, referee Pridding scoring it 60-58 over six twos, indicating that O'Toole hadn't lost a round.

Neil Patterson, 152, Darlington, stopped debutant Michael Holden, 153, Rotherham, referee Pridding calling a halt at 0:26 of Round Four in a scheduled six twos after Holden had been down.
(9-23-87)

▶**SOLIHULL—Midlands Sporting Club**—Peter Harris, 124½, Swansea, won the final eliminator for the British featherweight title by outpointing John Farrell, 125½, referee Larry O'Connell scoring it 118½-117½ over 12.

Johnny Melfah, 159½, Gloucester, outpointed Cliff Gilpin, 160½, Telford, referee Paul Thomas casting it 79½-78 after eight.

Johnny Elliott, 164½, Telford, outpointed Doug Calderwood, 162¾, referee Thomas' card showing a narrow 58½-58 after six twos.

Del Bryan, 146, Nottingham, outpointed Peter Ashcroft, 148, Liverpool, referee Thomas scoring it 79-78 after eight twos.

Lamby Kahani, 131½, Sheffield, drew with Derek Amory, 128¼, with Amory down briefly in Round One of their eight twos. Referee Thomas.
(9-30-87)

▶**MANCHESTER-400 Club**—Tony Ekubia, 138, Manchester, stopped Mike Russell, Plymouth, referee Ron Hackett intervening in Round Three after Russell had been down four times.

Ossie Maddix, 150, Manchester, kayoed Terry Vosper, 150, Plymouth, referee Phil Cowsill counting him out at 1:29 of Round Three.

Mike Whalley, 127½, Manchester, stopped Carl Gaynor, 128, referee Hackett intervening at 1:06 of Round Five after Gaynor had been down.

Darryl Ritchie, 174, Rhyl, outpointed Terry Gilbey, 180, Hull, referee Hackett scoring it a narrow 59-58½ after six twos.
(9-28-87)

▶**LONDON—National Sporting Club**—Roy Douglas, 163, kayoed Dave Heaver, 159, who was counted out by referee Dave Parris at 0:37 of Round One.

Errol McDonald, 147½, stopped Rory Callaghan, 149, Kentish Town, referee Parris intervening at 2:43 of Round Four in a scheduled eight after Callaghan had been down.

Kesem Clayton, 156, Coventry, drew with Theo Marius, 155, Stepney, over six twos. Referee Tony Walker.

Geoff Calder, 156, Kidderminster, beat Keith Scott, 159, referee Walker intervening at 1:20 of Round Three in a scheduled six twos when Scott was cut by the right eye.
(9-30-87)

▶**CROYDON—Fairfield Halls**—Chris Blake, 142½, Croydon, stopped American John Senegal, 140, a substitute, referee Ritchie Davies intervening at 0:40 of Round Four in a scheduled 10 after Senegal had been down three times. This was Blake's 13th successive victory.

Johnny B. Good, 127½, kept his unbeaten record by outpointing Kid Sumaila, Ghana, 129½, referee Davies casting it 79½-77 after eight.

Neil Haddock, 136½, Swansea, stopped Les Amass, referee Davies halting matters at 1:15 of the fourth and final round after Amass had been floored. Up to then, it seemed Amass was coasting home.

W.O. Wilson, 157½, Wandsworth, didn't lose a round in outpointing Joao Cabriero, Portugal, 157, referee Reg Thompson casting it 60-57½ after six twos.

Ian Hosten, 136, New Cross, outpointed debutant Mike Chapman, 132¼, Llanelli, referee Thompson scoring it 59½-58½ after six twos. Mike was down twice.

Tommy Beckett, 168, Old Kent Road, outpointed Steve Conway, 170, referee Thompson's card showing 60-57½ after six twos, indicating that Beckett hadn't lost a round.
(10-1-87)

▶**HASTINGS—1066 Sporting Club**—Geoff Sharp, 164, Camberley, stopped Paul Mitchell, 162, Leeds, Jack Snipe (who refereed all bouts) intervening at 1:47 of Round Three in a scheduled six when Mitchell was cut by the left eye. Mitchell was down in Round Two.

Jimmy McDonough, 157, Hastings, drew with Darren Parker, 162, Leicester, over six twos. Both were making their debuts.

Leigh Wicks, 156, Brighton, outpointed Jason Roe, 159, a debutant from Leeds, by a narrow 59-58½ after six twos.
(9-26-87)

▶**LONDON—National Sporting Club**—Michael Watson, 160¼, Islington, improves with every fight and could soon be challenging for the British middleweight title. He achieved his 13th win in 14 bouts by stopping Franki Moro, Ghana, 161¼, referee Mike Jacobs intervening at 1:58 of Round Four with Moro

under pressure.

Ray Thomas, 178, Liverpool, stopped Steve Osborne, 182, Nottingham, referee Jacobs calling a halt at 0:24 of the eighth and final round after Osborne had been down.

Roy Williams, 124, Merthyr, narrowly outpointed Mickey Greenwood, 126, Leicester, referee Thompson scoring it 59-58½ after six twos.

Andy Morgan, 141½, Merthyr, outpointed Gerry Courtney, 142, Luton, referee Thompson casting it 59½-58½ after six twos.
(10-5-87)

▶**MANCHESTER—Anglo American Sporting Club**—Gerry McBride, 117, Manchester, successfully defended his Central Area bantamweight title by outpointing Albert Parr, 116¾, St. Helens, referee Brian Hogg scoring it 98½-97½ after 10. This confirmed a previous win. Parr was down twice.

Humphrey Harrison, 140, Manchester, stopped Steve Hogg, 144, Liverpool, referee Phil Cowsill intervening at 0:44 of Round One in a scheduled six twos when Hogg was under pressure. It was Harrison's debut.

In a clash of debutants, Philip Nurse, 133, Manchester, kayoed Kevin McKoy, at the end of Round Five in a scheduled six twos. Referee Hogg.

Steven Winstanley, 133, Chorley, outpointed Thomas McCarthy, 132, Manchester, referee Cowsill casting it 59-58½ after six twos.
(10-5-87)

▶**BURNELY—Cats Whiskers**—Carl Crook, 137, Chorley, didn't lose a round in outpointing Marvin P. Gray, 135, Stanley, referee Harry Warner scoring it 80-77 after eight. Ashley Crawford, 174½, Leeds, stopped Joe Frater, 176, in Round Four.

Gypsy John Fury, 231, Haslingden, also didn't lose a round in outpointing Steve Garber, 225, referee Warner casting it 60-57 after six twos.

Tony Smith, 118, Burnley, stopped John Hayles, 117, Nottingham, referee Phil Cowsill intervening at 0:49 of Round Four with debutant Hayles under pressure.

Frank Harrington, 146, Burnley, stopped debutant Joe Janey, 149, Liverpool, referee Cowsill calling a halt at 1:52 of Round Three after Janey had been down.

Darren Hobson, 161, Leeds, stopped Ian Jackson, 164, Lancaster, referee Cowsill intervening at 1:49 of Round Two when Jackson was cut by the left eye.
(10-7-87)

▶**STOKE—North Staffs Sporting Club**—Tony Swift, 139, Solihull, kept his unbeaten record by outpointing Dean Bramhald, 140, Doncaster, referee John Coyle scoring it 79-77½ after eight. It was Swift's third win over Dean.

Carl Timbrell, 232, Redditch, avenged a previous defeat by stopping David Jules, 222, Doncaster, referee Coyle calling a halt at 0:46 of Round Three injured by both eyes.

In a clash of debutants, Steven Phillips, 139, Doncaster, outpointed Robbie Bowen, 140, Wednesbury, referee Larry Thompson casting it 60-58 after six twos.

Kevin Plant, 142, Rotherham, drew with Andrew Pybus, 142, Birmingham, over six twos. Referee Thompson.

Inactive for nearly a year, Eddie King, 144, Doncaster, returned to outpoint Cecil Branch, Wolverhampton, 144, not losing a round on referee Thompson's scorecard of 60-58 after six.
(10-7-87)

▶**MANCHESTER—The Ritz**—Danny Lawford, 188, Manchester, stopped Roy Smith, 192, the former British cruiserweight champion, referee Mickey Vann intervening at the end of Round Four as Smith went down and was taking a count right on the bell. It was a scheduled eight.

Ian Bulloch, 190, stopped Sean Daly, 192, referee Vann calling a halt at 1:55 of Round Four of a scheduled eight when Daly was cut by the left eye.

Gary Maxwell, narrowly outpointed Russ Davison, 127½, scoreline 78½-78 after eight twos.

Patrick Kenny, 128, kayoed Mitchell King, 124½, referee Keith Garner counting him out at 22 seconds of the first round.

Debutant Roy Doyle, 133, outpointed Tony Foster, 132, Hull, referee Garner casting it 59½-58½ after six.
(10-6-87)

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▶**HOBART—Wrest Point Casino**—The three Waters brothers came out even in a three-fight program against Americans.

In the main event billed for 12 rounds, Troy Waters, youngest of the clan who holds the British Commonwealth junior middleweight title, KO'd Benito Fernandez in Round 10.

The bout had been interesting, with the southpaw Fernandez holding his own through most of the contest. But Waters, 154, is a thinking boxer with plenty of ability. The first knockdown occurred in Round 10 when Fernandez, 156½, was toppled by a right to the jaw. He was still shaky when he regained his feet, and Waters gave him no chance to recover. Fernandez desperately grabbed his opponent, but took another right to the jaw after Waters shook him off. Down went the Spanish-born American again. Soon after, Fernandez fell to his knees with nothing left, so referee Billy Males rescued him and crowned Waters a KO winner.

Once more, we have to complain about an overseas manager. Too bad. Fernandez' manager, Don White, jumped into the ring after the KO and shouted that the bout should have been a 10-rounder and that he did not know it was scheduled for 12 until late. Then, he made an unsavory gesture at the public. We do not like bad sportsmen. As for White's claim, he signed a contract some time ago so he knew the distance. And what difference did it make in this case? After all, his boy was flattened in Round 10. He would not have finished on his feet if the bout had been set for 10 rounds.

The oldest of the brothers, Australian heavyweight champion Dean Waters, 221¼, met American Eddie Richardson, 217¼, over 10 rounds. Richardson, standing around 6-6, had a height advantage of about seven inches. There was nothing sensational, but the contest was interesting, Richardson winning a unanimous decision, 98-94, 98-95 and 97-96. *The Ring* scored for Richardson, 97-94.

The opener featured Australian light heavyweight champion Guy Waters, 173¼, against Frank Minton, 172½, over 10. The bout was interesting, ending in a draw with the scoring split three ways. Males, acting as a judge, saw it 95-95, while Don Marks favored Minton, 98-97, a decision seemingly favorable to the crowd, and Garry Lowe saw it 97-94 for Waters. *The Ring* had it 96-96.

"Everyone down there thought I won the fight," said Minton, who is 20-5-1 with 10 KOs. "He was in good shape because I never gave anyone a beating like that before. Even the hometown newspaper said I was robbed."

The show, which drew a capacity crowd of about 1,500, was the initial boxing promotion by Marty Rhone, a singer with his own band.
(11-6-87)

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NEW SOUTH WALES

▶**MT. PRITCHARD—Community Club**—Richard Reilly, 127¾, outpointed Simon Maidment, 125¾, over 10 interesting rounds.

Maidment began well, but Reilly took over and did not give Maidment room to box, winning clearly, 100-94 and 98-93 (twice). After, the crowd showered the ring with money.

Over eight rounds, Les Mathers, 156½, outpointed John Taupau Jr., 155½, by split decision.

David Entwhistle, 139¾, outpointed Errol Oluku, 142½, over four.

Darren Goodwin, 141, stopped Graham Moyes, 144¾, in Round Three of a scheduled four when Moyes' eye swelled badly.

Mick Langanke, 163½, outpointed Scott Frazer, 162¼, over four.

A three-pounder saw Louis Armenis, 132¾, outpoint The Maltese Falocn, 140¼.

Promoter: Frank Axisa.

(10-14-87)

▶**GOULBURN—Workers Club**—Charlie Brown, 113½, won the vacant NSW state bantamweight title with a split points win over Billy Duluth, 116¾, over 10 rounds.

It was a very good battle that drew a large shower of money from the crowd. Duluth was decked three times, twice in the final round. Brown won two cards 97-95, while the third vote went 95-95.

Over eight rounds, Joe Lutui, 173, outpointed Happy Man, 173, in a very good contest, the scores reading 77-76 (twice) and 78-76.

Russ Williams, 119½, outclassed and knocked out Ron Bridge, 121¾, in the third of a scheduled four.

Promoter: Tony Rok.

(10-23-87)

QUEENSLAND

▶**BOONDALL—Homestead Hotel**—Tom West, 173, stopped Rick Kulu, 174¼, in Round Three when Kulu suffered a cut eye.

After two rounds, two judges had Kulu ahead with the third seeing it even, but West was coming in hard in a slugging third round.

Bruce Crowe, 138¾, stopped Mark Hanson, 138¾, in the final round of a scheduled six. Hanson was decked in rounds two and six. He was badly shaken when he rose after the second knockdown, so referee Alan Moore rescued him.

Troy Power, 138¾, knocked out Steve Trevor, 131¼, in the second round of a scheduled four.

Craig Petersen, 179¾, and Vivian Schwalger, 181¾, fought to a four-round draw.

A three-rounder between Shane Dalton, 155½, and Chris Eldridge, 152¼, also ended in a draw.

Dave Dwyer, 151, outpointed Dave Snape, 143¼, in another three.

Promoter: Tom West.

(10-12-87)

RAY MITCHELL

ORIENT

INDONESIA

▶**KRAKSAAN-PROBOLINGGO**—Yossy Amnifu, Indonesian junior bantamweight champ, 113½, kept his title by taking a unanimous decision over Sulasmanto, 113¼, in 12.

Noce Lukman, the Indonesian Commission's third-ranked featherweight, 125, scored a first-round kayo of Soetikno, 123½, in a scheduled eight.

Gani Tala, 130¼, stopped John Bonex, 135, in the first round.

Susiadi, 105, unanimously decisioned Johnny Pelor, 104½.

Darmaji, 124¼, TKO'd Rachman Priyono, 126, in the fourth session.

Puma, 105, kayoed John Ireng, 104¼, in the opening canto.

Yess Kill, 116, outscored Totok, 118.

Chamin, 108¼, decisioned Hadi Ismanto, also 108¼.

Azuma Rachman, 115, was a unanimous points winner over Ali, 115¼.

Promoter: Eddy Pirrih.

(9-19-87)

▶**JAYAPURA**—Nurhuda, Indonesian junior featherweight champ, decisioned Filipino Bert Granciosa in 10.

John Hamadi TKO'd Bisenti Santoso in eight.

Promoter: Eddy Subiantoro.

(9-19-87)

▶**GUNUNG BROMO**—Susid, 135, unanimously decisioned Susiari, also 135, in six.

Promoter: Tinton Suprapto.

(9-20-87)

▶**SURABAYA**—Thai Chor Paphalang, 130, gained the junior WBC super featherweight title by knocking out Pulo Sugerray, 129¾, in the fifth round of a scheduled 12. Chor displayed his power punching and demolished the local favorite, who had acquired the title via a decision over Geron Porras in an eliminator.

Indonesian lightweight boss Juhari, 134, knocked out Smor Donjadee, 135, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.

Robby, the IBC's top-ranked junior featherweight contender, 121, scored a third-round knockout over Thai Santi Donjadee, 125½, despite their difference in weight in a scheduled 10.

Gill Roberto Santos, 127, was stopped by Sambung, 125¼, in the fifth session in the first 10.

Hudi, the IBC's second-ranked mini-flyweight, 103¼, scored a first-round kayo of Wahab Bahari, 104¾, in a scheduled eight.

Daud Sanusi, 103, was knocked out by Nico Thomas, 103½, in the third round of a scheduled eight.

Promoter: Eddy Pirrih.

(9-27-87)

▶**SARI MALANG**—Suwarno Perico, 143, fought to a draw with Thomas Americo, a veteran campaigner, 140¼, in 10.

Little Holmes, 121½, knocked out Pipino Sihombing, 122¾, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.

Michael Aruthur, 111½, outscored Yunus Tiran, 111¾, in eight.

Minto Hadi, 109¼, decisioned John Gana, 107, in eight.

Ginono, 112½, won from Yes Kill, 116¼, in six.

Gim Suryaman, 104¾, outpointed Heroni Bolu, 101¼, in eight.

Promoter: Tinton Soeprapto.

(10-11-87)

▶**JAKARTA**—Ellyas Pical, 115, regained the IBF junior bantamweight title for the second time as he was awarded a split decision over the defending champ Tae-Il Chung, also 115, in 15.

Scoring: Leon Johannes (Indonesia) 147-137, Pical; Kieth Dudley (Australia) 145-138, Pical; Jae-Keun Kim (Korea) 143-142, Chung.

Noce Lukman, 123½, took the Indonesian featherweight title by a unanimous decision over Rudy Haryanto, 123¼, in 12.

Filipino junior flyweight champ Sonny Vidal, 111, outpointed Juardi, 107, in 10.

Oky Petrus, 114¼, outpointed Johanes Nanlohi, 112¾, in eight.

Promoter: Anton Sihotang.

(10-17-87)
▶**LUMAJANG**—Jimmy Suyono, the Indonesian Commission's top junior flyweight contender, 111¼, registered a first-round kayo over Nyoman Gana, 111¾, in a scheduled eight.

Budi Adiana, 133½, unanimously decisioned Taurus Clay, 128, in eight.

Lightie John Bonex outpointed Susid Gana in six.

Ajib, 118, beat Suwaji Tirta, also 118, on points in six.

Bernard, 115¼, won from Yulius Anhak, 114.

John Ireng, 104¾, outscored Bambang, 104¾.

M. Noer, 124, decisioned Herman Muis, 126.

John Jaya, 138¾, won from Hasan Husein, 138¾.

Aries, 108¼, kayoed Chamin, also 108¼, in the fifth round.

Promoter: Eddy Pirrih.

(10-18-87)

▶**BLITAR**—Hudi, 106, defeated Wahab Bahari, 105¾, by a unanimous decision in their eight-round rematch. About a month ago, Hudi had polished off Wahab in the first round. The latter's revenging attacks were not so effective as to carry him to a victory.

Agus Wahab, the Indonesian #4 welterweight, 148, chalked up a TKO over Supriyo, 147¾, in the fifth round of a scheduled eight.

Six rounders: Yudi Priyanto, 113¼, drew with Budi Santoso, 112½, in six.

Jack Murdi, 143, TKO'd Bambang, 143½, in the second session.

Nurcholis, 126, decisioned Suroso, 123½.

Pohan, 108¼, won from Aries, 108.

Jacky Nyoo, 120½, outpointed Miston, 128¼.

Daud Sanusi, 106½, lost to Gim Suryaman, 104.

Widodo, 116¾, won over Yanto, 115¼.

Ali, 115¼, kayoed Charles, 116¾.

Promoter: Eddy Pirrih.

(10-24-87)

▶**SURABAYA**—Henry Gun, Indonesian junior lightweight champ, 129½, showed his power and stopped Filipino Lulu Villaverde, 128¼, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10.

Udiana, 157¾, Indonesian middleweight champ, scored a unanimous decision over Suwarno, 161¼, in 10.

Juhari, Indonesian lightweight boss, 133½, took a unanimous duke from Filipino Elmer Leonardo, 133, in 10.

Wongso Indrajit, the IBC's top junior bantamweight contender, 118, won over Ryantoha, 122, in eight.

John Arief, Indonesian mini-flyweight champion, 107½, surprisingly lost a unanimous decision to Nico Thomas, 105¾, in a non-title eight.

Six rounders: Sinta Tabalubun, 116¼, won from Bongkel, 115.

Chamin, 112, decisioned Yuliuss Anhar, 111¼.

Pohan, 107, decisioned Hadi Ismanto, 106¾.

Promoter: P. Setijadi Laksono.

(10-31-87)

▶**NOTES:** Elly Pical, a very popular fistic here here, was stripped of his IBF world junior bantamweight throne when he challenged the WBA champ Kaosai Galaxy without receiving the sanction of the Federation only to be kayoed in 14 rounds February 28.

Tae-Il Chung acquired the vacant IBF crown by scoring a split decision over compatriot Soon-Chun Kwon in Korea. Pical had previously lost the IBF crown to Cesar Polanco, but regained it via a kayo in the rematch. Elly's regaining the IBF throne will make the sport as popular as previously.

JOE KOIZUMI & P. SETIJADI LAKSONO

JAPAN

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Lefty Leopard Tamakuma, the WBC's ninth-ranked flyweight, 112, proved too sharp and strong for ex-champ Tetsumi (Takeshita) Matsushima, 111¾, dropping him thrice and forcing him to take the standing count on four occasions to stop the latter at 1:50 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10.

It was the much taller Tamakuma's second defense of his Japanese flyweight throne. He improved his log to 20-3 with six knockouts. The loser, three years his senior at 26, fell to 13-5-1 with 10 kayoes.

Yoshiyuki Uchida, an awkward but hard-punching boy, 114, was awarded the vacant Japanese junior bantamweight crown on a TKO over Jun (Hoki) Inasuma, 115, at 2:30 of the fifth session in a scheduled 10.

Inazuma was leading on points, but his cut became too big to allow him to continue fighting. Uchida, a bruised winner, is 21-2-1 with 19 kayoes. The unlucky loser impaired to 9-5-2 with eight KOs.

Former Japanese middleweight champ Mugen Kawasaka, 153½, turned the tables by finishing Tomoyuki Rokuhara, 153½, at 1:28 of the first 10.

Promoter: World Sports & Kokusai Promotions.

(9-21-87)

▶**FUKUI—Fukui City Gymnasium**—Korean Hee-Sok Kim, 121, took a close, but unanimous decision (78-77, 78-76 and 79-77) over Hiroyuki Matsumoto, 122, in eight.

There were seven four-rounders which were the finals of the Central Japan's Novice King (Shinjin-o) tourney.

Promoter: Hokuriku Ishimaru Promotions.

(9-21-87)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Iwao Otomo, Japanese lightweight champion, 135, was missing many punches, but eventually caught Koki Higashi, 134½, halting him at 2:24 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10.

It was the rough swinger's third defense since capturing the national throne from Cheyenne Yamamoto via a kayo route last January.

Otomo, 23, is 14-1-1 with 13 knockouts. Higashi, 26, fell to 11-13-1 with just a kayo.

Ex-Japanese flyweight champ Koji Nishikawa, 114¼, moved up to the bantamweight division and chalked up a TKO victory over lefty Hirohiko Yabuki, 116½, at 2:58 of the seventh session in the semifinal 10. Nishikawa had been dethroned by Leopard Tamakuma and failed to regain his 112-pound class title.

Promoter: Okawa Promotions.

(9-24-87)

▶**OSAKS—Sakuranomiya Skating Rink**—Takeo Takahashi, 126, took a unanimous decision (97-95, 97-94 and 97-93) from rough-and-tumble battler Kimio Saotome, the JBC's second-ranked junior featherweight, 126, in 10.

Promoter: Harada Promotions.

(9-27-87)

▶**FUKUOKA—Hakata Star Lane**—Tricky Kawaguchi, 153½, a tough veteran, was awarded a majority hairline decision (99-98, 98-97 and 98-98) over Tadashi Maruo, 153½, in 10.

Promoter: Fukuoka Teiken Promotions.

(9-27-87)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Japanese bantamweight champ Naoto Takahashi, a very bright unbeaten prospect, 118, suffered an unexpected defeat by Chiaki Kobayashi, an unheralded underdog, also 118, and lost his title via a close but unanimous verdict (98-96, 99-97 and 98-97) in 10.

The 19-year-old counterpuncher recklessly mixed it up with the durable challenger only to exhaust his stamina in later rounds. Chiaki, 23, had the champ at bay from the seventh round on. He is 11-3 with four kayoes. Takahashi impaired to 12-1 with eight KOs.

Masahiro Takagi, the JBC's top junior lightweight contender, 130, was luckily given a technical decision over lefty Keiji Koizumi, 130, at 1:20 of the fourth session in 10.

Promoter: Abe Promotions.

(10-3-87)

▶**SENDAI—Miyagi Prefectural Sports Center**—Takao Sakamoto, 146¼, gained the vacant Japanese welterweight crown by flattening Yoshiyuki Mizoguchi, 146¾, with a devastating right at 1:34 of the sixth canto in a scheduled 10. It was an eliminator due to the relinquishment of Fujio Ozaki, the WBA's fifth-ranked 147-pounder.

Sakamoto is 4-1 with as many kayoes. Mizoguchi, a lanky six-footer, fell to 10-3 with seven knockouts.

Promoter: Sendai & Shin-Nippon Kimura Promotions.

(10-3-87)

▶**HIROSHIMA—Hiroshima Prefectural Gymnasium**—Mark (Brooks) Horikushi, the WBA's 10th-ranked junior featherweight contender, 121½, retained his Japanese throne by demolishing Eiji Yakushiji, 120¾ at 2:56 of the sixth round in 10. The champ floored him thrice prior to producing a flattened pancake. Mark is 14-1 with 10 knockouts. Eiji is 6-2 with as many KOs.

Having been stopped by Mitsuo Imazato in a bid for the Japanese bantamweight crown in Tokyo last year, Kazuto Kurahachi, 121¾, showed his ring experience, dominated the later half and won a unanimous decision over Shinji Ogawa, also 121¾, in 10.

Kurahachi is 12-2 with nine kayoes.

(10-7-87)

▶**YOKOHAMA—Yokohama Cultural Gymnasium**—Filipino Ronnie Valiescas, 116¼, dropped Speedy Kikuchi, a local favorite, 118, by a straight right in the second round, and won a onesided decision in 10.

Eagle Sasawaki, 129¼, unanimously outscored Filipino Danilo Santander, 129, in six.

Promoter: Kawai Promotions.

(10-12-87)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Akinobu Hiranaka, Japanese junior welterweight champion, 140, ran his unbeaten log to 12-0 including 11 kayoes, as he was befuddled by the incredible durability of Tetsuya Manaka, also 140, but managed to halt him at 1:37 of the eighth session in a scheduled 10. It was Hiranaka's fifth defense. Manaka fell to 6-3-1 with three KOs.

Yasayuki Fukuda, 135, mixed up with much shorter Tiger Michigami, ex-Japanese junior lightweight champ, also 135, taking a majority decision in 10. Fukuda is 6-4-1 with three KOs. Tiger impaired to 17-8 with 15 knockouts.

Promoter: Yonekura Promotions.

(10-13-87)

▶**OSAKA—Kinki University Auditorium**—Unbeaten lanky Japanese Hiroki Ioka, 104½, became the WBC's first world strawweight champion by winning a lopsided decision over Thai Mai Thomburifarm, 105, in 12.

Ioka, 18, seized the newly created title in his ninth pro fight, boosting his log to 9-0 with five kayoes. Thomburifarm, ex-Muay Thai (national kick boxing) battler, is 18-2 with three knockouts.

Promoter: Green Tsuda Promotions.

(10-18-87)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Japanese junior flyweight champ Tomohiro Kiyuna, the WBC's fourth-ranked contender, 108¾, scored a onesided decision over Missile Kudo, 107¼, in 10. Though people expected an early stoppage, Kiyuna failed to finish the gutsy opponent. His title wasn't at stake. Tomohiro is 19-2 with eight knockouts. Missile fell to 10-10-2 with three KOs.

Dony (Escamilla) Yamashita, 130¾, a Mexican import staying in Japan, disposed of Shinji Kobayashi, 131¼, at 1:35 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Dony's record in Japan reads 7-3 with as many KOs.

Promoter: World Sports Promotions.

(10-19-87)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—The A-Class Prize Tourney of this year came to an end with five finals in as many non-junior classes.

Welterweight: Yoshifumi Kitajimi, 147, decisioned Hiroaki Motohashi, 146, in eight. Both belong to the same Shin-Nippon Kimura Gym, so they looked to have fought not to hurt each other. Kitajima is 8-3-2 with a kayo. Motohashi is 11-4-1 with five KOs.

Lightweight: Eiji Oyama, 133¾, cleverly outboxed Hideya Yamashiro, 135, and won a unanimous decision (all 79-76) in eight. Oyama is 14-3-3 with eight kayoes. Yamashiro fell to 10-2 with six KOs.

Featherweight: Lefty puncher Kenji Iizumi, the JBC's top contender, 126, had a tough time catching very elusive Noboru Ogihara, 125, but eventually caught him and halted him at 2:45 of the seventh session in a scheduled eight. Iizumi is 15-2 with 12 kayoes. Ogihara fell to 10-1-1 with four knockouts.

Bantamweight: Crasher (Toshimi) Miura, 118, displayed a one-punch kayo of Toyokazu Sekito, also 118, at 0:46 into the second round in a scheduled eight. His lethal right was a haymaker. Miura is 11-3 with nine kayoes. Sekito, a glass-jawed puncher, is 8-4-1 with seven KOs.

Flyweight: Shunichi Nakajimi, 112, impressively dropped Masayuki Takahashi, also 112, thrice and stopped the latter at 2:42 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight. Nakajima, an aggressive puncher, is 12-4 with seven kayoes. Takahashi, a lefty boxer, fell to 15-2 with six KOs.

In a supporting eight, Takeyuki Akagi, former amateur Japaneses champ, 130, decked his second pro bout with an impressive knockout of Bruce Kyoda, 130, at 2:03 of the fifth round. Akagi quit his job as a school teacher and entered the paid ranks. He is 2-0 with as many kayoes.

Promoter: Shin-Nippon Kimura & Kokusai Promotions.

(10-22-87)

▶**KOCHI—Kochi Prefectural Gymnasium**—Hard-punching Mitsunobu Goda, 125¾, iced Akira Urakawa, also 125¾, the JBC's second-ranked featherweight, in just 117 seconds of the first round in a scheduled 10.

Goda is 9-1-1 with eight kayoes.

Yosuke Matsuoka, the JBC's third-ranked junior bantamweight, 112, won a onesided decision over Masakatsu Aikata, 113, in 10. The winner upped his log to 14-3-1 with five KOs.

Promoter: Kuroshio Boxing Club.

(10-24-87)

▶**NAGOYA—Tsuyuhashi Sports Center**—Unbeaten Kiyoshi Hatanaka, 117, needed just 108 seconds to embalm Thai Surasith Meeprasert, 116¼, in a scheduled 10. Hatanaka is 14-0 with nine kayoes. Surasith fell to 33-8 with 18 knockouts. Kiyoshi, the WBA's seventh-ranked junior bantamweight contender, is the most expected prospect here in Japan.

(10-29-87)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Crafty Fusao Imai, 130, eked out a hairline nod (double 98-97 and 99-97) over Mutsumi Suzuki, 129¼, to retain his Japanese junior lightweight throne for the third time in 10.

Imai, 30, managed to take the last two rounds, which carried him to a close decision. Imai, the sole Japanese to beat ex-WBC champ Tsuyoshi Hamada, is 17-10-2 with seven kayoes. Suzuki is 8-4-1 with three KOs.

Hiroyuki Yoshino, 146, exploded left hooks and polished off Masatoshi Takeshi, 147, at 2:12 of the first round in a scheduled 10.

Yoshino is 7-3-1 with four kayoes.

Promoter: Watanabe Promotions.

(11-3-87)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Elongated Nobuyki Tabata, 153½, displayed his vaunted right hand in disposing of Hidenobu Sasaki, 154, at 3:09 of the second round to keep his Japanese junior middleweight crown in a scheduled 10. It was Tabata's finest showing in his career.

Tabata, standing 6'1", is 21-6-1 with 19 kayoes. Sasaki, coached by ex-world bantamweight contender Hurricane Teru, is 8-5 with six KOs.

Promoter: Koeif Kogyo Odawara Promotions.

(11-5-87)

▶**HITACHI—Ikenokawa Gymnasium**—Busy campaigner Iwao Otomo, 135, kept his Japanese lightweight title as he came off the canvas in the fifth round and dropped Wolf Sato, 134¾, thrice, stopping the challenger at 1:29 of the seventh session in a scheduled 10.

It was a give-and-take affair as were Otomo's previous defenses. The champ improved his log to 15-1-1 with 14 kayoes.

Promoter: Hitachi Promotions.

(11-14-87)

▶**NOTES:** The Japanese boxing fraternity is in preparation for the annual Carnival of Champions where all the national titlists are obliged to face the top contenders of the JBC with their thrones at stake. We hope that the forthcoming Carnival in January and February will be as hot as in previous years.

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KOREA

▶**SANJU—Sanju Indoor Gymnasium**—Byung-Soo Park, 125¾, captured the OPBF featherweight crown as he made short work of the defending champ Jae-Yong Hwang, a lanky lefty at 125¾, stopping him at 2:22 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Park connected with left and right hooks and dropped the compatriot twice prior to the trick. The new kingpin is 22-2-1 with 14 kayoes. Hwang, who failed in his sixth defense, is 19-2-1 with four KOs.

Promoter: Saeki Promotions.

(9-27-87)

▶**ANYANG—Yangmyung High School Gymnasium**—The OPBF bantamweight champ Ernie Cataluna, 119, was floored by a right hook of Sam-Yong Kim, 119½, in the first round, but fought back hard to a disputed draw in 10.

Cataluna looked a close winner, overcoming the first-round visit to the deck. The Filipino is 33-2-1 with 14 kayoes. Kim, the Korean Commission's second-ranked bantie, is 18-4-3 with five KOs.

Korean flyweight boss Soon-Jung Kang, 111¾, kept his throne by stopping Duk-Hyun Kim, 112, at 2:07 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Kang is 32-7-1 with four kayoes. Kim fell to 4-2-2 with three KOs.

Promoter: Kukdong Promotions.

(10-9-87)

▶**JOUNGSUN—Joungsun Students Gymnasium**—The OPBF junior featherweight kingpin Hi-Yun Chung, 122, overwhelmed Japanese challenger Takashi Shuto, also 122, flooring him in the first and fifth rounds and finishing him at 2:27 of the fifth session in a scheduled 12.

The lefty Korean found the range from the outset and was aggressively chasing the fragile Nipponese. Chung is 21-4-3 with six kayoes. Shuto impaired to 9-7-1 with six KOs.

Sam-Jung Lee, 104¼, became the new Korean mini-flyweight champion by winning a unanimous decision from Sang-Hyun Han, 105, in a hard-fought 10. Lee is 13-2 with three kayoes. Han is 9-3-5.

Promoter: Hyundai Promotions.

(10-24-87)

▶**SEOUL—Munwha Gymnasium**—Former OPBF junior welterweight champ Eung-Shik Kim, 142, swarmed over Filipino Elmer Leonardo, 141½, dropped him twice and knocked him out at 2:23 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10.

Kim is 18-1 with 15 kayoes. Leonardo, the Filipino top lightweight contender, fell to 28-13-3 with nine KOs.

Promoter: Dong-A Promotions.

(10-27-87)

▶**CHOCHIWON—Chochiwon High School Gymnasium**—Unbeaten flyweight prospect Yun-Un Chin, 113¼, pounded out a onesided decision over Thai puncher Yuenyong Sithprasong, formerly rated internationally by the WBA, 112½, in 10. Chin, 12-0 with six kayoes, battered the more experienced Thai and had him bleeding with accurate punches. Yuenyong is 18-6 with 17 knockouts.

The semifinal 10 saw Young-Chun Min, 120¼, run his unbeaten log to 8-0 with six knockouts by disposing of Tae-Sang Chun, 119½, at 0:47 of the second round. Chun fell to 16-6-3 with eight KOs.

(10-31-87)

▶**ILI—Ill High School Gymnasium**—Korean junior featherweight champ Chung-Woo Park, 122, barely kept his national throne as he was held to a draw by Young-Kyun Park, an unbeaten challenger, 121½, in 10.

Park is 15-4-4 with six kayoes. The challenger Park is 10-0-1 with six kayoes. He deserves a rematch.

In a companion title go, Young-Kwan Lee, 114¾, became the new Korean junior bantamweight champion by halting Won-Kye Shim, 115, at 0:52 of the fifth round in a 10-round eliminator. The title had been vacant due to the relinquishment of Chun Huh who moved up to the bantamweight class.

Promoter: Ilhwa Gymnasium.

(10-31-87)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Having been kayoed by Kaosai Galaxy in his quest for the WBA bantamweight title in Thailand, Dong-Chun Lee, 117¼, showed his power punching in halting Filipino Rey Tarosa Jr., 116¾, at 1:32 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10.

Lee was floored by the Filipino's countering right in the second round, but the Korean battered the bread basket of the fading rival and weakened him effectively. Lee is 29-7-1 with 16 knockouts. Tarosa dropped to 10-8-1 with four kayoes.

The semi-windup witnessed a Korean junior flyweight eliminator, where Chang-Woo Hong, 107½, stopped Byung-Kap Kim, 107¾, at 1:00 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Hong is 12-1 with six kayoes. Kim is 9-3-4 with a KO.

Promoter: Waryong Promotions.

(11-1-87)

JOE KOIZUMI AND YOO-CHANG KIM

PHILIPPINES

▶**BAGUIO CITY—Baguio College Foundation Gym**—Filipino flyweight champ Romy Navarrete, 111¾, lost his title by a very controversial decision to Sammy Baculong, 111¼, in 12 rounds. Romy dropped the local favorite thrice—in the second, seventh and ninth rounds—with the referee ruling just two knockdowns. Many witnesses, including famous Filipino journalists, admitted Navarrete was robbed of his national throne.

Scoring: Vic Valdez 116-114, Arturo Gaerlan and Rey Ming Chan, both 116-113, all for the Baguio City-based challenger. Romeo Navarrete, the dethroned champ's brother and manager, submitted a videotape of the fight to the GAB (Games and Amusements Board, the Commission of this country) to ask for an immediate rematch. V. Abainza refereed.

Constancio Dangla, the national junior bantamweight champ, 116, scored a TKO win over Cesar Perez, 112, in the sixth round in the semifinal 10.

John Matienza, the GAB's sixth-ranked junior featherweight, 121, took a unanimous verdict over Rodrigo Dino, 125, in 10.

Rico Sacragon, 130¾, was awarded a split decision over Junior Danglose, 129¾, in the first 10.

Promoter: Emily dela Rama.

GAB's witness: Vedasto Adriano & Rey Lapena.

(8-1-87)

▶**METRO MANILA—Sta. Queteria**—Amado Cabato, the GAB's #9 featherweight contender, 128, chalked up a TKO win over Hilbert Aragon, 126, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.

Eight rounders: Roger de Rama, 110, took a majority nod over Victor Gestupa, 107¼.

Al Mariano, 119, unanimously decisioned Fernando Udtohan, 120.

Max Forrosuelo, 105 TKO'd Diego Onglao, 108, in the third round.

Promoter: R. Balbin.

GAB's witness: Rodrigo D. Perez & Jimmy Pamplona.

(8-1-87)

▶**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY**—Dadoy Andujar, ex-Filipino champ, 117, knocked out Pat Bracero, 116, in the seventh session in a scheduled 10. Jaime Galrpe refereed.

Jun Generale, 112, unanimously decisioned Allan Morre, 111, in 10.

Ernie Ordaniza, 120, eked out a split duke over Dondon Tumala, 117, in 10.

Jun Quiamco, 128, won from Jun Placencia, 128, in 10.

Promoter: Quintin Kaamino.

GAB's witness: Julio B. Caldoza.

(8-1-87)

▶**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Filipino bantamweight champ Loremer Pontino, 120, displayed his vaunted power punching and earned a unanimous decision over ex-champ Ruben dela Cruz, 119, in 10. Siasico refereed.

Gilbert Albay, 121, won a unanimous decision from Emilaino Alferez, also 121, in 10.

Carlos Parcia, 134, TKO'd Bimbo Canaya, also 134, in the second session of 10.

Promoter: Natividad Cabrerros.

GAB's witness: Estanislao Binondo & Rodrigo Javier.

(8-1-87)

▶**VALENCIA, BUKIDNON**—Cesar dela Cruz, the GAB's fourth-ranked junior flyweight, 111, scored a TKO over William Belan, 110, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10. Jimmy Galarpe refereed.

Al Balaba, 120, stopped Jun Acobo, 120, in the fifth session of a scheduled 10.

John Medina, 110, TKO'd Locloc Elloren, also 110, in the seventh canto of the first 10.

Promoter: Neptali Bobingo.

GAB's witness: Julio B. Caldoza.

(8-2-87)

▶**DAVAO CITY**—Young Abloban, the Filipino #8 featherweight contender, 130, impressively halted Al Vargas, also 130, in the fourth stanza of a scheduled 10. Arabis Jr. refereed.

Pepito Semblante, 118, was awarded a TKO win over Boy Lendez, 118, in the fourth canto of a scheduled 10.

Young Rey, 113, drew with Johnny Ebo, 113, in a scheduled 10.

Francis Villasquez, 130, unanimously beat Leandro Sollano, 130, on points in eight.

Promoter: Domingo Arenas.

GAB's witness: Arabis Jr.

(8-6-87)

▶**DAVAO DEL SUR**—Fernando Carupo, the GAB's #5 junior featherweight, won a majority nod over Nestor Pagaran, also 122, in 10. Butalid refereed.

Nathan Ballarda, 110, decisioned Mar Torillas, 110, in eight.

Promoter: William Sanchez.

GAB's witness: Jaime P. Mata.

(8-7-87)

▶**TAGUM, DAVAO**—Joseph Galagaran, the Filipino top junior flyweight champ, 115, defeated Robinson Cabusao, the GAB's #7 junior bantie, by a unanimous decision in 10. Yongco refereed.

Jun Afable, the top mini-flyweight contender, 105, won from Romy Ceniza, the IBF's number five 105-pounder at the limit, in 10.

Danny Ortega, 118, outscored Boy Louperez, 119, in 10.

Luis Milado, 128, decisioned Boy Ligas, 128, in a close 10.

Mario Sumalinog, the GAB's #7 bantie, 122, TKO'd Ben Capagngan, 122, in the ninth session of a scheduled 10.

Kid Kanashiro, a busy flyweight contender, 115, beat veteran Elmer Magallano, 115, in 10. Elmer previously fought Satoshi Shingaki in an IBF bantamweight eliminator only to be stopped in eight rounds in Japan in April, 1984.

Ricky Flor, 106, stopped Anthony Rendiza, the GAB's #7 mini-flyweight, also 106, in the sixth canto of a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Eusebio Almario Jr.

GAB's witnesses: Estanislao Binondo & Romeo Pordaliza.

(8-8-87)

▶**SUCAT, PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex**—Nilo Endic, 109½, was awarded a close majority decision over Japanese Hideto Osanai, 110, in 10.

Vic Valdez refereed.

Former Filipino junior featherweight champ Little Bangoyan, 128, won a unanimous decision over Jun Tito, 128, in 10.

Felix Enero, the GAB's #9 bantie, 120, stopped Wilfredo Mendoza, 120½, at 2:40 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Carlos Castigador, 122, outpointed Mrio Meracap, also 122, in 10.

Joe Labarador, 124½, unanimously beat Saturnino Sebelina, 125¾, in eight.

Promoter: Laura Elorde.

GAB's witnesses: Vedasto C. Adriano & Carlos Roman.

(8-12-87)

▶**MALUSO, BASILAN PROVINCE**—Lito Villaflor, 115, took a unanimous decision over Junie Rago, also 115, in 10. Joselito Alabar refereed.

Promoter: Diomedes Tabo-Tabo.

(8-16-87)

▶**ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR**—Vic Subiza, the GAB's fourth-ranked featherweight, 128, chalked up a TKO win over Jun Carreon, 128, in the fourth session of a scheduled 10. Carlito Kid refereed.

Randy Rodrigo, 126, impressively knocked out Cris Bohos, 125, in the sixth session of the semifinal 10.

Promoter: Roberto Rodrigo.

GAB's witness: Reynaldo O. Galarpe.

(8-16-87)

▶**BAGUIO CITY—Baguio College Foundation Gym**—Alaberto Saxon, ranked fifth in the lightweight class by the GAB, 133½, took a unanimous verdict over Leonardo Calmona, 133, in 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Joe Badongen, 128, decisioned Pio Kaki, 131, in 10.

Bert Pucay, 125, won from Gerson Brago, 126, in 10.

Billy Endrena, 120, outscored Andy Dumpayan, 120, in 10.

Audy Murphy, 118, TKO'd Voltaire Pacuyan, 121, in the fourth session of a supporting eight.

Promoter: Mke Maspil.

GAB's witnesses: Rodrigo Perez & Ricky F. Paulino.

(8-22-87)

▶**LOS BANOS, LAGUNA**—Dingky Jagdon, 115, was a points winner over Steve Nerza, 116, in a unanimous 10.

Leopard Ari, 112, TKO'd Emil Romano, also 112, in the third canto of a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Tolosa BHO.

GAB's witnesses: Rey Lapena & Jimmy Pamplona.

(8-22-87)

▶**AGUSAN DEL NORTE**—Terry Felisilda, the Filipino #8 junior flyweight contender, 109, won a unanimous decision over William Belan, 110, in 10. Jimmy Galarpe refereed.

Al Balaba, 121, TKO'd Rey Vallejos, 118, in the third session of a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Neptali Bokingo.

GAB's witness: Julio B. Caldoza.

(8-22-87)

▶**VALENCIA, BUKIDNON**—Cesar dela Cruz, the Filipino number four junior flyweight, 110, pounded out a unanimous nod over Ruel Durano, 109, in 10.

Jong Jong Perez, 107, won from John Medina, 108, in 10.

Brecs Sumatora, 120, outscored Jun Tinoy, 119, in 10.

Promoter: Lorito Tucmo.

GAB's witness: Reginaldo Garces Pagubo.

(8-27-87)

▶**BALANGA, BATAAN**—Eric Chavez, 108, registered a technical knockout of Edwin Inocencio, 110, at 2:55 of the second session in a scheduled 10.

Hilbert Aragon, 124, stopped Richard Agbay, 126½, at 2:20 of the fourth session in the semifinal 10.

Rolando Pascua, 112, decisioned Mario Parcon, 113, in 10.

Promoter: Carmelita Pascua.

GAB's witnesses: Carlos Roman & Rey Lapena.

(8-30-87)

▶**PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA**—Rolando Bohol, a Filipino bright prospect, 114, took a unanimous duke over Rod Naiconi, 113, in 10. V. Abainza refereed.

Bert Granciosa, 127, stopped Rudy Casicas, 127½, in the eighth canto of the semifinal 10. The loser Casicas had halted the current IBF world champ Seung-Hoon Lee in Korea the previous year, but he has been unable to show that it wasn't a fluke.

Promoter: Laura S. Elorde.

GAB's witnesses: Rodrigo Perez & Ricky F. Paulino.

(8-30-87)

▶**SAN JUAN, METRO MANILA**—Filipino junior lightweight champ Lulu Villaverde, 130, showed his aggressiveness and ring experience, finishing Bernabe Aliping, 130, in the 10th session of a scheduled 12-rounder.

Lulu kept his title that he took in June, 1985. Thomas Evaristo refereed.

Ariel Duran, 134½, stopped Leonardo Calmona, 134, in the sixth session of a scheduled 10.

Al Mariano, 119½, won from Steve Nerza, 119½, in 10.

Max Forrosuelo, 106½, barely took a majority nod over Joel Advincula, 107½, in eight.

Concon Duran, 126, won from George Olan, 125½, in eight.

Promoter: Rufino Balbin.

GAB's witnesses: Rodrigo Perez & Ricky F. Paulino.

(8-30-87)

▶**MIDSAYAP, NORTH COTABATO**—Danny Ortega, 117, was held to a unanimous draw by Rey Paciones, 115, in 10. Satur Yongco refereed.

Flash Marino, 113, was given a technical decision over Allan Morre, 108, in the eighth canto of the semifinal 10.

Joe Aporado, 118, TKO'd Danny Crisostomo, 118, in the eighth canto of a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Benhur Bedia.

GAB's witness: Jaime P. Mata.

(8-30-87)

▶**METRO MANILA—Rizal Memorial Coliseum**—Up-and-coming featherweight Tiger Ari, 127, lopsidedly battered Rudy Cabiles, 126½, from all angles, and took an impressive victory on points in 10. Tom Evaristo refereed.

Tiger, one of very talented sons to ex-Orient junior lightweight champ Oscar Reyes, has been scouted by Japanese club owner Tsutomu Asakura. He will be campaigning to cause a sensation in Japan.

Gilbert George, 125, unanimously decisioned Amado Cabato, 125½, in 10.

Diego Lebante, 130, won from Jun Tito, 135, in 10.

Boy Selda, 111½, was also a unanimous points winner over Pinoy Igor, 109, in 10.

Bert Lozano, 135, managed to win a split duke over Gary Milanes, 134, in 10.

Rizal Ocampo, 107, outscored Roger de Rama, 107, in 10.

Promoter: Tomasa Pamilosa.

GAB's witnesses: Leonard Trinidad & Rey Lepena.

(9-1-87)

▶**GUINDOLMAN, BOHOL**—Terry Felisilda, the Filipino #6 junior flyweight, 110, scored a TKO over Jun Cedeno, 114, in the sixth canto of a scheduled 10. Virgilio Gamutan refereed.

The loser had to wear eight-ounce gloves due to his failure to make the stipulated weight.

Promoter: Candido C. Caga.

GAB's witness: Leonardo Ramos Angel.

(9-4-87)

▶**SUPIGAO CITY**—Little Campo, the Filipino top junior lightweight contender, 129, chalked up a TKO over Randy Rodrigo, 130, in the second round of a scheduled 10. Jimmy Galarpe refereed.

Young Abaloyan, the GAB's #7 featherweight, scored a technical knockout over Alex Masicampo, 128, in the fifth session of a scheduled 10.

Elsun Duran, 107, stopped Charlie Canas, 106, in the sixth stanza of a scheduled 10.

Joselito Castro, 113, won from Arnuleo Bernadez, 113, by a unanimous duke in 10.

Promoter: Rogelio Lopez.

GAB's witnesses: Julio B. Caldoza, Reginaldo Garces & Pagubo.

(9-5-87)

▶**KANATAGAN, LANAO DEL NORTE**—Tata Ariosa, 128, scored a ninth-round TKO over Edwin Carreon, 127, in a scheduled 10. Baby Murillo refereed.

Glen "Baby" Torres, 108, barely took a majority decision from Cris Sanchez, also 108, in 10.

Promoter: Roberto Rodrigo.

GAB's witness: Reynaldo Orion Galarpe.

(9-6-87)

▶**MATI, DAVAO ORIENTAL**—Triffon Torralba, 113, pounded out a unanimous decision over Young Rey, also 113, in 10. Butalid refereed.

Boy Ligas, the Filipino third-ranked lightie, 130, stopped Gar Atayde, 133, in the fourth canto in the semifinal 10.

Promoter: Rolando Ligas.

GAB's witnesses: Estanislao Binondo & Jaime Mata.

(9-8-87)

▶**LOON, BOHOL**—Arnulfo Melencion, the GAB's top-ranked flyweight, 113½, outpointed Simson Tana, 114, in 10. Luciano Babiera Jr. refereed.

Edgar Perez, 117, unanimously decisioned Arnold Lumando, 116, in six.

Promoter: Benjamin Sun.

GAB's witness: Aproniano O. Plenos.

(9-8-87)

▶**CANDON, ILOCAS SUR**—Dionisio Castillo, the Filipino top welterweight contender, 147, proved too strong for Fred Galang, also 147, stopping him in the third round in a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Boy Abuela, 130, outscored Rico Sacragon, also 130, in a unanimous 10.

Ronnie Vallescas, 112, halted Faustino Simbajon, 112, in the third round of a scheduled 10.

Saturnino Sebelina, 124, was awarded a split verdict over Jun Villablanca, 124, in eight.

Promoter: Laura Elorde.

GAB's witnesses: Rey Lapena & Carlos Roman.

(9-12-87)

▶**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Gold City Coliseum**—Sonny Vidal, Filipino junior flyweight boss, 111, showed his superiority to Jun Generale, 112, taking a unanimous decision in 10. Atty. Pure Velez refereed.

Felix Mantos, 109, was held to a majority draw by Bonifacio Bahian, 110, in 10.

Ernie Ordaniza, 122, unanimously decisioned Alvin Saludo, 124, in 10.

Erning Tinoy, 122, won from Bres Sumatra, 120, in 10.

Joel Castrodes, 112, stopped Orlando Calderon, 111, in the eighth session of a scheduled 10.

Baby Capili, 124, chalked up a TKO win over Boy Gonzales, 124, in 10.

Fernando Baja, 103, outpointed Vic Tinaco, 105, in 10.

Promoter: Quintin Kaamino.

GAB's witness: Julio B. Caldoza.

(9-12-87)

▶**PANABO, DAVAO DEL NORTE**—Tim Balantay, the GAB's #5 flyweight, 126, appeared amazingly 14 pounds over the limit he belonged to, but scored a unanimous decision over Allan Moore, 117, in 10.

Balantay was ordered by the GAB to use 12-ounce gloves, and 30% of his purse was forfeited owing to his failure to make the agreed weight.

Al Balaba, 122¼, outpointed Fred Trillo, 126½, in 10.

Joe Revilla, 106, won from Edward Wagas, 106, in 10.

Francis Velasquez, 126, TKO'd Jun Cajes, also 126, in the sixth session of a scheduled eight.

Promoter: Joel Obsioma.

GAB's witnesses: Estanislao Binondo & Jaime Mata.

(9-14-87)

▶**METRO MANILA—Rizal Memorial Coliseum**—Amado Cabato, 126½, won a unanimous decision over Jimmy Nakalaban, 128½, in 10. Tom Evaristo refereed.

Joseph Ladipe, 119½, the GAB's #8 bantamweight, eked out a split decision over Felix Enero, also 119, in 10.

Mario Meracap, 121½, scored a TKO over Carlos Castigador, 122, in the sixth session of a scheduled 10.

Jun Llano, 123, took a unanimous nod from Gerson Brago, 121, in 10.

Promoter: Mario Tumboc.

GAB's witnesses: Vedasto Adriano & Rey Lapena.

(9-18-87)

▶**SURIGAO DEL NORTE**—Elson Duran, 107, scored an upset unanimous decision over Anthony Rendeza, the GAB's seventh-ranked mini-flyweight, 105, in 10. Thanks to this victory, Elson got ranked 10th by the GAB.

Promoter: Rogelio Lopez.

GAB's witnesses: Julio B. Caldoza & Edgar T. Andanar.

(9-19-87)

▶**PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex**—Japanese Hideto Osanai, 110, hit the deck in the first round, but was awarded a TKO win over Nilo Endic, also 110, in the fourth session of a scheduled 10. Nilo bled too profusely to continue fighting due to an accidental butt in the first round. Vic Valdez refereed and called a halt. Osanai lost a close decision to Endic in their previous encounter and turned the tables.

Emil Romano, 115½, dropped head-shaven Wilfredo Mendoza, 116½, once in the second and twice in the ninth round, scoring a TKO win at 2:08 of the ninth canto of a scheduled 10.

Paquito Openo, 123½, and David John, 126, battled to a technical draw at 1:33 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight.

Promoter: Laura Elorde.

GAB's witnesses: Carlos Roman, Rey Lapena & L. Trinidad.

(9-23-87)

▶**LILOY, ZAMBOAGNA DEL NORTE**—Flash Albert, 128, took a split technical decision over Frank Domino, 127, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10. An accidental collision of heads caused the stoppage.

Promoter: Diomedes Tabo-Tabo.

GAB's witnesses: Reginaldo Garces & Pagubo.

(9-24-87)

▶**SAN PEDRO, LAGUNA**—Fast-rising Tiger Ari, the Filipino second-ranked featherweight, 129½, continued his winning streak by stopping Gary Milanes, 131½, at 2:40 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10. Virgilio Garcia refereed.

Tiger's brother, Lion Ari, 123½, also scored an impressive victory over Ador Unesto, 124, copping a unanimous duke in 10.

Promoter: Gloria O. Villanera.

GAB's witnesses: Leonardo Trinidad & Carlos Roman.

(9-26-87)

▶**BAGUIO CITY—Baguio College Foundation Gym**—Sammy Baculong, Filipino flyweight champion, 114, engaged in a non-title go and won a majority decision over Dinky Jagdon, 113, in 10. Ray Ming Chan refereed.

Joe Badogen, the GAB's #4 featherweight, 127¾, TKO'd Gerson Brago, 126, at 2:06 of the fourth canto in the semifinal 10.

Ramon Wasi, 126, unanimously outpointed Con Con Duran, 123, in 10.

Promoter: Gary Kiwang.

GAB's witness: Jimmy Pamplona & Vedastro Adriano.

(9-26-87)

▶**ILIGAN CITY**—Cecilio Tutor, 111, was awarded a majority nod over Jun Generale, also 111, in 10. A. Artajo refereed.

Jun Arbas, 124, was held to a split draw by Art Bado, 128, in 10.

Arnold Solitario, 105, outpointed Bonnie Pahapay, 110, in a unanimous 10.

Kid Gella, 122, won a majority duke over Flash Asesor, also 122, in eight.

Promoter: Joseph Denosta.

GAB's witnesses: Reynaldo O. Galarpe & Reginado G. Pagubo.

(9-26-87)

▶**DAVAO DEL NORTE**—Young Rey, 114, scored an upset decision over Robinson Cabusao, the Filipino #7 junior bantamweight, also 114, in a unanimous 10.

Nelson Cabig, 116, drew with Jerry Allawan, 116, in 10.

Edward Wagas, 108, eked out a majority duke over Renato Betsaida, 108, in 10.

Promoter: Jose Aleria.

GAB's witness: Jaime Mata.

(9-26-87)

▶**TAGUM, DAVAO**—Up-and-coming and sensational bantamweight Luisito Espinosa, 120, went to the Filipino champ's hometown, though his title wasn't at stake, and very impressively knocked out Loremer Pontino, 119, at 1:44 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

The triumph showed that Luisito, the nephew of great Oriental bantamweight champ Leo Espinosa, could be the best prospect in this country. The taller footworker floored Pontino with a smashing right in the first round. Referee Arab Junior was about to begin counting against the local hero, but failed to owing to the unexplicable negligence by a GAB witness in this Mindanao area.

Pontino, having iced 30 victims in his previous 32 wins, fought back and had Luisito bleeding from the nose. Espinosa, however, displayed his superior speed and skills and exploded a lethal left in Round Three. The champ was stretched prone, unable to beat the count.

The win boosted Luisito's credentials to 16-3, including five wins over national champs, although neither of them were willing to meet him again with their titles at stake. Pontino fell to 32-4 with 30 kayoes. He had been called El Maso (hammer) there, but he couldn't catch the Fancy Dan.

Ricky Flor, the Filipino #5 mini-flyweight, 106, scored a TKO over Jover Cubillas, also 106, in the second session of a scheduled 10.

Triffon Torralba, 114, amazed the crowd with his quick demolition of Kid Kanashiro, also 114, in the opening canto of a scheduled 10.

Luis Milado, the GAB's second-ranked junior lightie, 133, also stopped Carlos Parcia, 133, in the eighth session of a scheduled 10.

Kid Tavera, 122, won an upset decision over Elmer Cubillas, the Filipino #2 bantamweight at 122, in 10.

Promoter: Eusebio Almario Jr.

(9-27-87)

▶**KAPATAGAN, LANAO DEL NORTE**—Alvin Salud, 128, took a unanimous decision over Jessim Garzon, 127, 10. Baby Murillo refereed.

Roger Vecera, 112, scored a unanimous decision over Felix Mantos, 112, in 10.

Promoter: Roberto Rodrigo.

GAB's witnesses: Reylado Orton Galarpe & Reginaldo Garces Pagubo.

(9-27-87)

▶**MAMBAJAO, CAMIGUIN**—Erning Tinoy, 120, pounded out a unanimous decision over Bres Sumatra, also 120, in 10. Ric Alido refereed.

Bonnie Ballentos, 121, TKO'd Jiji Javien, 118, at 1:45 of the sixth session of a scheduled six.

Promoter: Renald Pacuribot.

GAB's witness: Julib Caldoza.

(9-27-87)

▶**LOS BANOS, LAGUNA—Lapiz Coliseum**—Cobra Ari Blanca, 116, the GAB's sixth-ranked junior bantie, earned a unanimous decision over Jun Edward, also 116, in 10.

Roger de Rama, 108, TKO'd Jun Tighanon, 106, at 1:35 of the third session of a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Salome BHO.

GAB's witnesses: Rudy Perez & Ricky F. Paulino.

(9-28-87)

▶**PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex**—Boy Granciosa, 127, displayed more accurate punches and chalked up a technical knockout over rough swinger Bert Pucay, 126½, at 2:58 of the eighth session of a scheduled 10. Onofre Perez refereed.

Elmer Leonardo, 136, won a unanimous decision over Boy Abuela, 135, in 10.

Mac Espanola, 121, eked out a split decision over Miguel Arrozal, 121, in 10.

Boy Masuay, 123, stopped Joe Labrador, 122½, in the second round of a scheduled 10.

Promoter: F. Vasquez.

GAB's witnesses: Jimmy Pamplona & Rey Lap.

(9-30-87)

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▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kaokor Galaxy, the WBA's top bantamweight contender, 122, easily disposed of Russel Finn, an Australian boxer, 118, with a vicious left uppercut to the midsection in the third round in a scheduled 10. Kaokor, the twin brother of the WBA junior bantam champ Kaosai, is 15-0 with 12 kayoes.

(9-6-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai mini-flyweight champ Trang T. Bunlerd, 106, took a split decision from Jakong V. Petchpohthong, 108, in a non-title six. Trang is 10-3-1 with three kayoes.

(9-9-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Dangnuen Kiat RD, Thai bantamweight champ, 118, kept his throne by a unanimous decision (99-95, 97-95, 98-95) over Surasith Meeprasert, also 118, in 10. Dangnuen made best use of his faster footwork to avert mixing it up with the puncher. Dangnuen is 18-7 with five kayoes.

(9-10-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Downmai Sithkodom, Thai junior featherweight champ, 125, fought hard with hard-punching Filipino Hilbert Aragon, also 125, but caught him with a right to the chin and knocked him out in the fourth round of a scheduled 10. Downmai is 21-3 with 13 kayoes. His manager Sombhop Srisongvongse plans to give Downmai a crack at the WBC super bantamweight throne now held by Jeff Fenech, Australia, due to the option of the Fenech vs. Samart Payakarun contract.

(9-11-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Tepratum Eakchatchingchai, the TBC's top junior bantamweight contender, 118, registered his ninth consecutive kayo by easily stopping Indo Donjadee, a simon pure at 118, in the second round in a scheduled 10. Tepratum is 19-1 with 15 knockouts.

(9-15-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Sombutr Euasampan, the TBC's third-ranked bantie and a sparring partner of the world champ Kaosai Galaxy, 116, won a unanimous verdict over Chan Sithchansakdi, 117, in six.

(9-16-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Vinai Sorsavatdee, a lefty favorite, 125, surprisingly lost a decision to underestimated newcomer Theerapong S. Pumipak, 124, in six. Theerapong, also a southpaw, showed faster right jabs and footwork to produce an upset.

(9-18-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sombutryod Singsamang, Thai #2 bantie, 122, hit the deck from a straight left by lefty rookie Naramit Looklongbangkaew, 118, losing an unexpected decision in six. It was Naramit's debut in international style fighting.

(9-19-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Former OPBF flyweight champ Thanomsak Sithboabay, the WBA's 10th-ranked contender in the 115-pound division, caught Filipino Louie Gonzales, 113, and finished him in the second round in a scheduled 10. Thanomsak is 17-1 with nine kayoes.

(9-20-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Yuenyong Sithprasong, Thai top flyweight contender, 115, was outboxed by San Nortorchor, 116, in the first four rounds, but dropped the latter twice and for the count in the fifth round in a scheduled six. Yuenyong is 17-5 with 16 kayoes.

(9-22-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai junior flyweight champ Putt Ohyuthanakorn, 106, barely retained his title by a split decision (98-96, 97-96, and 96-97) over Makar Sornram, 108, in 10. Putt is 20-5 with 11 kayoes.

(9-23-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Chan Rungrojana, Thai lightweight champ, 136, repeated his kayo victory over Veera Kiatsongthaya, 137, in their rematch, stretching him out in the fourth session of a scheduled six. Chan is 18-3 with 16 kayoes.

(9-24-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Suradej Klongphajorn, Thai top lightweight contender, 132, showed his long ring experience and finished easy rival Somdech Pongart, 134, in the second round of a scheduled six.

(9-27-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Pin Sorthanikul, the TBC's fourth-ranked junior bantie, 115, used just left jabs, but knocked out Neramit S. Thamjakree, also 115, in the first round of a scheduled six.

(9-28-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai flyweight ruler Petchainat Donjadee, 114, engaged in a non-title bout and dropped a unanimous decision to Den Chuvatana, an old soldier, 114, in six. The lefty Den made good use of his southpaw jabs, piling up points steadily.

(9-30-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Den Sorthanikul, the TBC's top mini-flyweight contender, 106, dropped newcomer Jagong Vor Phetpohthong, 106, in the fourth round in a scheduled six.

(10-1-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—After a two-year layoff, Viboon Kiatsorors, 118, made a comeback, but lost a disputed split decision to Songkiatnoi Shorchutirat, also 119, in six. Viboon dominated the second to fifth rounds, but Songkiatnoi gave him a rain of punches in the final session. People thought Viboon deserved the decision.

(10-2-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Ded Donjadee, 106, lost an upset decision to Katkong Danthoothai, a hard-punching simon pure, 109, in six. It was Katkong's debut, though he was

formerly a kick boxer. Ded was the TBC's top mini-flyweight contender.
(10-4-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Noree Jokkygym, the TBC's top bantamweight contender, 123½, floored Eak Donjadee, also 123½, twice in the second round and once more in the fourth session, taking a unanimous nod in six. Noree is 19-5-1 with eight kayoes. He outgrew the bantam division to move up to the featherweight class.
(10-5-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Koban Sithkuechat, 105, made very short work of Sarapee Peramitra, 105, and polished him off in the first round of a scheduled six.
(10-7-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Ratana Singsamang, 122, displayed his power and durability in taking a unanimous decision over Wangnoi Laudarayuthaya, 122, in six.
(10-10-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sakda Srirachamanakorn, 111, kayoed Karn Kiatsonthaya, a fragile victim, 112, in the opening canto in six.
(10-13-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai mini-flyweight champ Trang T. Bunlerd, 110, showed his strength and finished Phayanok Surajcharoen, 110, in the fourth session in a scheduled six.
(10-15-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kaosai Galaxy scored the sixth defense of his WBA junior bantamweight title—all by knockout—by stopping the OPBF champ Byung-Kwan Chung, Korea, in the third round of a scheduled 15.

Kaosai is 34-1 with 31 kayoes.

In the semifinal 10, Kaokor Galaxy, his twin brother, disposed of Filipino kingpin Constancio Dangla in the fourth session.

Kaokor is unbeaten with a 15-0 record, including 12 kayoes.
(10-12-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Raungsiri Sasiprapagym, 118, won a unanimous decision over Mafaungnoi Sithrungsak, 118, in six.
(10-17-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Chan Rungrojana, Thai lightweight champ, a black American born in Thailand, 137, finished Nongsanti Lookkulab, 139, in the second session of a scheduled six.

Chan is 19-3 with 17 kayoes. His title wasn't at stake.
(10-19-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Downrung Technicutangradit, 118, easily kayoed Kiatchai Kiatsonthaya, 119, in the second stanza of a scheduled six. Downrung, 12-3 with seven kayoes, had failed to win the vacant Thai flyweight crown, losing an upset decision to Petchainat Donjadee in an eliminator months ago.
(10-20-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thanjai Kiathavatchai, an IBF world contender, 112, chalked up a kayo victory over Pornchai Sithvatyang, 116, in the second round in a scheduled six.
(10-23-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Champ Kiatpetch, the TBC's sixth-ranked flyweight, 113, is a good prospect who stopped Pornpitak Sithchula, 114, in the fourth session of a scheduled six.
(10-24-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thongpetch Chorvikun, the TBC's top junior lightweight contender, 130, extended his unbeaten log to 3-0 with as many kayoes, disposing of Ayuthaya Sithphakamron, 128, ex-Thai featherweight champ, in the fourth session of a scheduled six. Thongpetch is piloted by promoter Sombhop Srisomvongse.
(10-26-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Kongthoranee Payakaroon, the WBA's top-ranked junior bantamweight, 119, proved too strong and powerful for Prabthoranee Looklampakchee, former Thai champ at 117, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10. Though beaten to the punch by Gilberto Roman in a WBC title bout last December, Kongthoranee showed his recovery from the bad defeat with consecutive wins.
(10-27-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—The OPBF mini-flyweight champ Samuth Sithnaruepol, 106, was awarded a TKO win over Thonthep Petchsriraja, also 106, as the latter had a painful shoulder and the referee declared a halt in the fourth round in a scheduled non-title 10. Samuth is 28-11-1 with 15 kayoes.
(10-29-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Ded Donjadee, 106, knocked out Voryuht Siththepnarong, a newcomer at 108, in the fourth round in a scheduled six.
(10-31-87)

▶**NOTES:** One of the biggest topics in Thailand is the forthcoming encounter between outstanding junior bantamweight compatriots, the WBA champ Kaosai Galaxy versus its top contender Kongthoranee Payakaroon January 26. Both are tough, hard punchers, so people expect a dramatic knockout, whichever may win.

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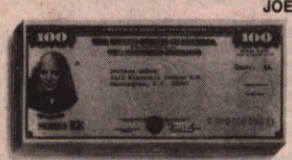

SAVINGS BONDS

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▶**EAST LONDON**—Andrew Matyhila won the vacant Cape flyweight title when he stopped the highly rated Mveleli Luzipho in the third round.

Luvuyo Kakaza became the new Cape lightweight champion when he knocked out Xolisa Fotoyi in the third round. Fotoyi spent most of his time grabbing and holding.
(8-16-87)

▶**DURBAN**—Eric Dunn won the national junior middleweight title when he scored a unanimous decision over Johan Gumede over 10 rounds.

Gumede has the talent but does not work enough and he allowed Dunn to do all the scoring.
(9-7-87)

▶**SPRINGS**—Charles Oosthuizen retained his South African junior middleweight title when he knocked out Gerhard Boles in the 10th of their scheduled 12-rounder.

From the first bell, both came out throwing bombs to produce one of the most exciting fights seen this year.

At the beginning of the 10th, Boles was noticeably tired, which was to be expected after his weight problems prior to the fight. Oosthuizen piled on the pressure, landing solid blows to the head and body, and another big right to Boles' midriff dropped the challenger on the seat of his pants. He tried to rise, but was counted out by referee Alfred Bugwana.

Oosthuizen is 16-3-2.

In the main supporting bout, middleweights Matthias Mbatha and Isaac Yoto boxed eight entertaining rounds, with Mbatha emerging the winner.
(9-1-87)

▶**JOHANNESBURG**—Bennie Knoetze was no match for exciting heavyweight prospect Johnny Du Plooy, who only needed seven punches—two lefts and five rights—to send his opponent stumbling to defeat after only 1:40.

Knoetze, lurching around the ring in a daze, was counted out on his feet by referee Wally Snowball.

In the main supporting bout, Frank Khonkhobe scored a major upset when he knocked out Simon Bekker in the third round to take the South African junior lightweight title.

After being dropped in the second round, Bekker was no match for a confident Khonkhobe in the third. After being knocked down by a right to the head, he was counted out by referee Jules van den Hoogen.
(9-12-87)

▶**ELDORADO PARK**—In a rather dull 10-rounder, Jeffrey Mankune retained the Transvaal junior welterweight title with a points victory over Aaron Kabi.

After injuring his right hand early, Kabi was only content to stay in there, allowing Mankune to steal points.

Keith Rass, having his first 10-rounder, put up a plucky display only to lose on points to Stanford Ngcebeshe in a contest for the vacant Transvaal junior featherweight title.
(9-13-87)

▶**KAGISO**—Patrick Mpamba gained revenge in sensational style by stopping Mark van Winkel in the 10th round of their return clash for the Transvaal welterweight title.

On the same bill, Howard Mpepesi powered his way to an eight-round decisaion over Solomon Zuma.
(9-19-87)

▶**JOHANNESBURG**—The South African heavyweight champion Pierre Coetzer scored a sensational first-round knockout over Bernard Benton of the United States.

Those in the crowd could hardly believe their eyes when Benton, one-time WBC cruiserweight champion, was poleaxed by a terrific left hook which landed just below his ear, dropping him flat on his back for the count after only 2:35.

Siza Makhatini wasted no time in knocking out Mickey Pryor of the United States in 40 seconds of the first round.

Makhatini came off his stool at the opening bell throwing bombs, and Pryor was stunned by a short left hook that sent him staggering across the ring. Another barrage of short blows to the head dropped the American on the seat of his pants against the ropes. Pryor arose on shaky legs, but a short, chopping right dropped him again and referee Wally Snowball stopped the fight.

Featherweight Petrus Mahlangu scored his ninth consecutive inside-the-distance win since joining the paid ranks when he stopped Elias Ngcobo in the fourth of a scheduled six.
(9-28-87)

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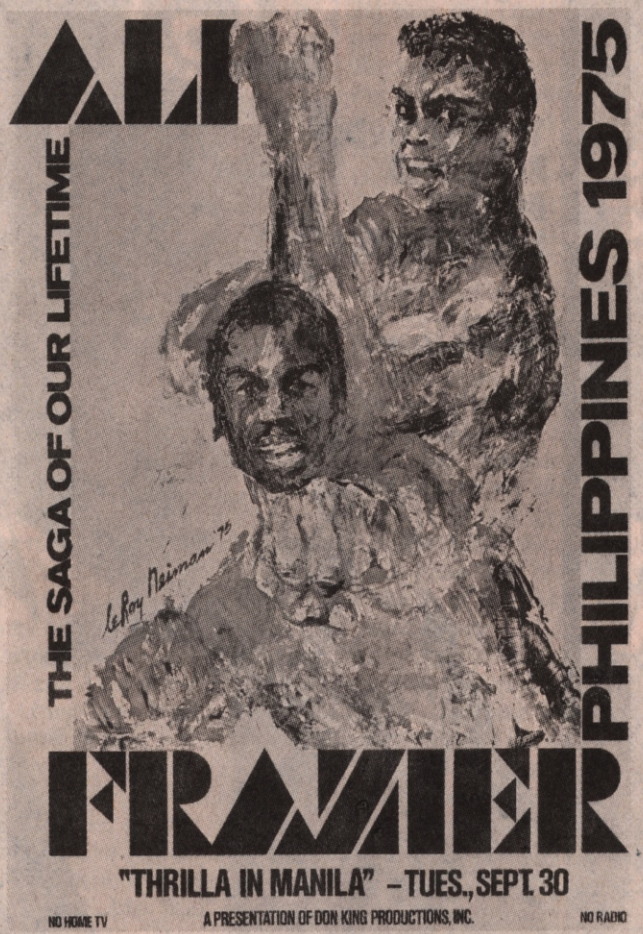

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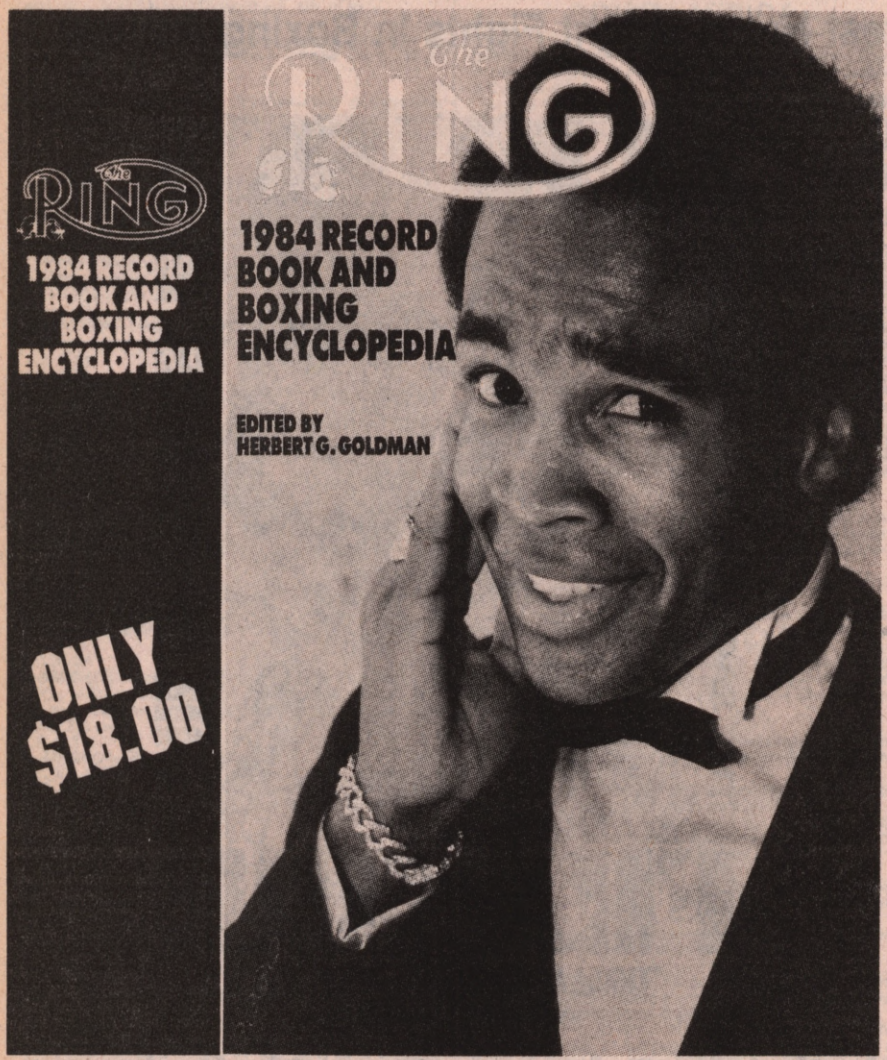

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VETERAN BOXERS BEAT

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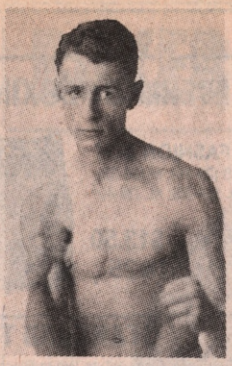

Sid Terris

SID TERRIS, KNOWN AS "THE EAST SIDE Ghost," was a true wizard of the ring.

Terris, born on the East side of New York City on September 16, 1902, started to box as a teenager and quickly became one of the best amateur fighters in the country. He won all 50 of his contests on the way to winning the New York state, Metropolitan, National and International championships, all in a period of 10 months.

Terris started his professional career in 1922 and, in my opinion, possessed the fastest pair of legs and left jab ever displayed by a human being in a prize ring. His speed was uncanny, and when he was set properly for a right hand, he could knock his opponent for a loop. The only fighters who gave Terris trouble were those who reached his body at close quarters. His speed made him almost impossible to reach at long range.

Terris fought some stern opposition, namely Ace Hudkins in a 10-round contest in Chicago. Some witnesses claimed Hudkins never laid a glove on Terris. In his historic six-round session with Ruby Goldstein, Terris was dropped for a nine count but arose and immediately KO'd Goldstein with the first right hand he landed. He also faced such outstanding boys as Sammy Mandell, Ray Miller, Benny Valger, Johnny Dundee, Rocky Kansas, Jimmy McLarnin, Billy Petrolle, Phil McGraw, Jimmy Goodrich, Jack Bernstein, Luis Vincentini, Stanislaus Loayza and Babe Herman.

When the speed of his legs went, he faded as a title contender and retired after losing to Johnny Gaito May 7, 1931, in Yonkers, New York.

If Sid Terris was around today, he would be hailed as a genius of the ring.

VETERAN BOXERS NOTES:

Tippy Larkin, one of the classiest boxers in the game, was tendered a retirement dinner September 25, 1987, in Clifton, N.J. Billy Kilroy was chairman of the affair and the place was loaded with many of Tippy's friends, who came to pay homage to him. Enjoy your retirement Tippy ... Charlie Gellman was drafted into being president of Ring 8 of New York for another term. Gellman did such a splendid job, the membership voted unanimously for him to serve again ... On October 12, 1987, the members of Ring 4 Boston VBA, headed by its president Buddy Hayes, attended Brother-member Gus Raimo's 101st birthday party held at the Parkway Rest Home in Roxbury, Mass. A happy birthday to Gus ... Word comes from out west that Lou Nova, former heavyweight contender of the 30s and 40s, is out of the hospital after two operations and doing fine ... The new lineup of officers of the Golden State Boxers and Wrestlers Association are: President, Hugh Sublett; Executive vice-presidents, Ike Williams, Jimmy McLarnin, Archie Moore, Jimmy Carter, George Levine, Count Billy Varga and Jack Miller Horowitz; Master of Arms, Dave Maier; Sergeant at Arms, Petey Servin; Secretary, Dan Bourguignon; Chaplain, Mike Witowich; Public Relations, Abe Hocheiser; Official Public Relations Photographer, Mike Neporadny; Introduction co-chairman, Timothy P.A. O'Sullivan and Noble "Kid" Chissell; Ambassadors at-large, Vince Barbi, Sylvester Stallone and Frank Stallone. The group recently honored two great veteran trainers, Ray Arcel and Eddie Futch, in Las Vegas, October 14, 1987 ... Former great welterweight contender Armando Muniz, who faced Jose Napoles in two title bouts, was honored by the Southern California Hall of Fame September 27, 1987 ... The Veteran Boxers Association of Brooklyn, Ring 21, held its 27th Annual Testimonial Dinner/Dance at the Micali Terrace November 15, 1987. This year's honorees were Sonny Early, Charlie Larkin, Tindaro Corso, Tommy Santino, Dr. Harry Lewis and former WBC featherweight titleholder Juan LaPorte ... Charlie Varre, former star lightweight of the 30s, wrote to say "Hello" from Spokane, Washington. Varre fought many thrilling bouts in the east and plans to return to his roots in Brooklyn ... The Sixth Annual Bay Area Boxing Hall of Fame Dinner held September 6, 1987, was most successful, according to president Sammy Stein. The northern California veteran boxers installed were Vic Grupico, Vern Bybee, Jimmy Cosenza, Buddy Jacklich and Tote Martinez ... The Jersey City Cordero-Boringquen Lions Boxing Club held its first annual dinner/dance at Biase's Caterers in Newark. Honored were Ellu Rivera, Billy O'Day, Mario Costa, Mark Medal, Dan Shannon and Charlie Bonds.

THE LAST ROUND:

Bundini Brown, 57, who worked as Muhammad Ali's cornerman throughout Ali's career, died in Los Angeles September 27, 1987. Brown recently worked as an actor, appearing in such films as "The Color Purple" and "Shaft." ... Danny Lewis, 88, a former New Jersey state bantamweight champion, died September 29, 1987, at the Jersey Medical Center in Jersey City. Lewis held the title in the early 20s and fought more than 100 pro bouts. He was a member of Ring 14 in Hudson County, New Jersey ... Johnny Hayes, 89, former great boxer born Luciano Mancuso, died October 2, 1987, at Staten Island Hospital after a long illness. Hayes fought between 1914 and 1925 and listed Young Bloom, KO Eggers, Battling Reddy, Sammy Waltz and KO Phil Delmont as opponents. A brother of late lightweight contender Peter Hayes, John was also the uncle of Young Petey Hayes and Johnny Hayes Ferrera. He had been employed by the Department of Sanitation and later as a security guard at the state National Guard Arsenal in Brooklyn until his retirement in 1963 ... Willie Felice, former featherweight contender of the 30s, recently passed away in New York City after a short illness. Felice fought Petey Scalzo, Johnny Pena, Victor Vallee, Al Reid, Joey Fontana, Davy Paul, Bernie Freidkin and Joey Wach, among others. Later a good trainer and cornerman, he was instrumental in developing Vito Antuofermo into a championship fighter ... May they all rest in peace. □

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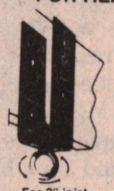

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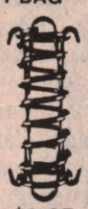

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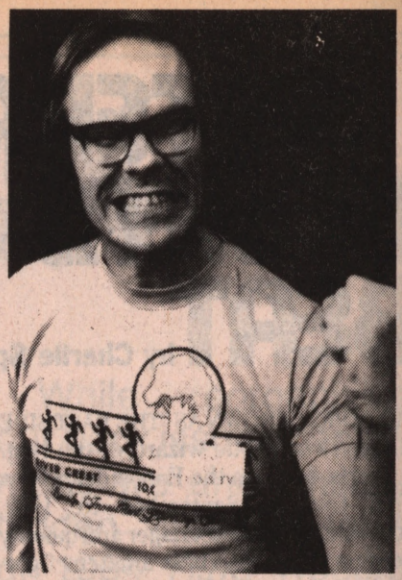

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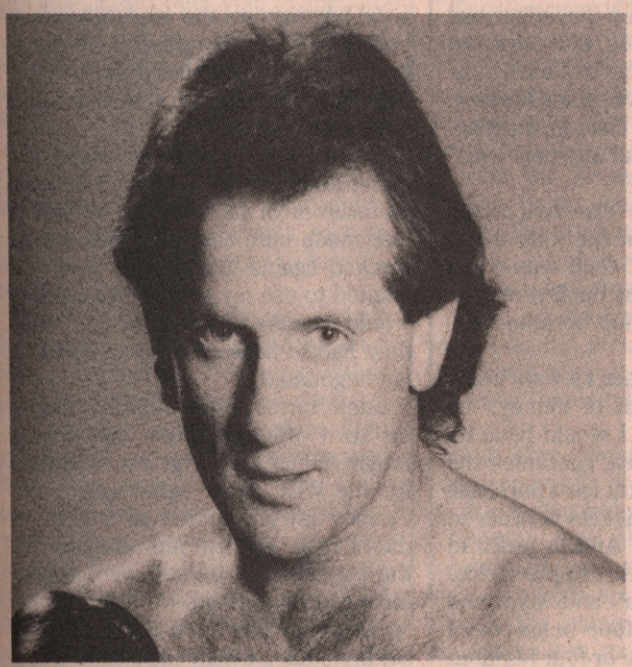
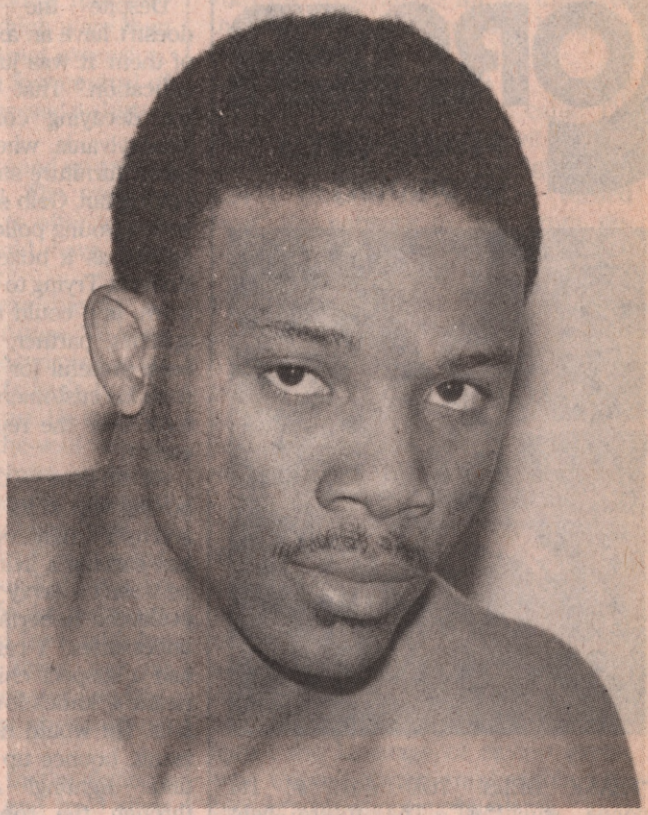
MIKE GROW LIGHTWEIGHT

HOW MANY OF YOU OUT THERE REMEMBER JIM GROW, THE lightweight contender who beat former champ Jimmy Carter back in 1960?

Well, even if you don't recall Jim, meet his son Mike, a budding lightweight from Lewiston, Ohio ... "I remember as a child looking at all my dad's press clippings," said Grow. "I found out at my first workout that I was a natural fighter. I could feel it. I remember that feeling today." ... Following a fine amateur career which saw him win three Idaho Golden Gloves titles (1980, '81 and '82), Mike turned pro in September of '82 with a four-round decision over Alonzo Medina in Carson City, Nevada. (In fact, most of his bouts have been in Nevada as pro boxing is practically non-existent in Idaho.) ... Grow, a devout Mormon, was rolling along fairly well when he left boxing for two years to do missionary work in Oklahoma. He resumed his boxing career in '84 and has compiled an overall record of 19-2-1 ... In recent months, Grow has been working as a sparring partner for Rocky Lockridge and was with Lockridge in London when Rocky beat Barry Michael for the IBF junior lightweight crown. Working with Lockridge and other members of the Lou Duva stable has done wonders for Mike's confidence ... "I know now that I'm as good as any fighter in the world." ... Though he supports his son, the elder Grow is not exactly overjoyed at Mike's decision to follow in his footsteps ... "He'll be alright," said Jim Grow. "The thing is, it takes four years to go from a preliminary fighter to a good 10-round fighter. In four years you can go to school and get a Bachelor's degree. That's a much better deal. I told him that 50 times. But if he wants to try it, okay, fine. I'll help him out all I can." ... Despite his father's misgivings, Mike has his mind set on boxing ... "The goal I have always set is to be in the top 10, and if I obtain it I will reset my goal to be the champion of the world." ... That should please the old man. □





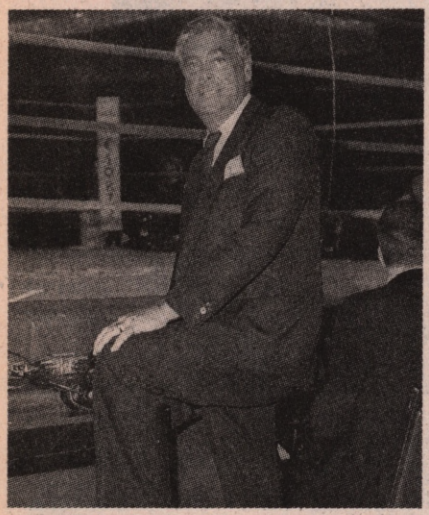
NATE MILLER HEAVYWEIGHT

SO MANY GOOD PROSPECTS COME OUT OF PHILADELPHIA IT sometimes seems there has to be a secret factory somewhere, clandestinely manufacturing them. One of the latest products to roll off Philly's pugilistic assembly line is Nate Miller, a hard-punching, smooth-boxing 190-pounder with a pro record of 8-0 with seven KOs ... A graduate of Germantown High School, the 24-year-old Miller works as a maintenance man for the Philadelphia Housing Authority when he's not punching the bag or opponents ... In his most recent outing, Miller survived veteran Stanley Ross' early charge to rally back for a convincing TKO in the fifth round. Other impressive wins have come over Dawud Shaw (KO2) and Ricardo Spain (W6) ... "Miller is progressing nicely," reported J.R. Jowett, *The Ring's* Philly correspondent. "He's a versatile, thinking fighter who knows how to execute a fight plan. The only possible flaw I see is that he sometimes gets worried and goes into a shell when he gets hit. But, of course, from a self-preservation point of view, that might not be a bad thing." ... Miller is co-managed by Stan Williams and Gary Hegyi, with Williams also serving as trainer ... "I like to use Miller every month," said Russell Peltz, who has promoted all of Nate's pro bouts. "He sells lots of tickets and he'll fight anybody." ... Sounds almost too good to be true. Maybe Peltz really does have an underground factory hidden in the wilds of North Philly after all. □

IN THIS CORNER

by J.R. Jowett

FRANK GELB (Promoter)



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"FRANK GELB! YOU #@!!**#! I'M gonna #@!!**#!" The future light heavyweight champion, then only an obscure undercard pug, ventured his unsolicited opinion in graphic but hardly glowing terms outside the Philadelphia Spectrum. The high-profile manager, among the most pivotal in what was then one of the few boxing Meccas, just walked by, smiling. A master at keeping his head when all about him are losing theirs, the Madison Avenue-cool Gelb successfully bridges the gap between the volatile characters of the boxing fantasy land and the saner (at least on the surface) world outside. And nowadays, they're more likely to call him "sir," especially if they want to fight in Atlantic City.

Gelb paints an almost rosy picture of a rough-and-tumble business, more reminiscent of a wet-behind-the-ears newcomer than possibly the single most important fight figure in the "Vegas of the East." Yet there were enough hard knocks and tragedies in his background to remind one of John Garfield rather than John Houseman. His fighters suffered two of the most controversial losses in title bouts of the recent era, he had two fighters fatally overmatched against gun-wielding girlfriends, and he was ultimately betrayed by the rags-to-riches kid whose story made "Annie" look like "The Brady Bunch."

Despite the opportunity, Frank doesn't have an ax to grind against any of them. It was just part of "getting an education." That "education" began in the decaying corpse of Norristown, Pennsylvania, where Gelb ran an easy-credit furniture store with his father. A boxing fan, Gelb struck up a friendship with a young police officer who moonlighted as a boxer, Leroy "Hurricane" Roberts. Trying to do business in Norristown, one could end up feeling like a sparring partner, so Frank may have been grateful for the police protection from his customers. At any rate, he soon took over the reins of Leroy's halting career.

At the time — the early Seventies — boxing was at its nadir. With few titles and no TV, fighters were concerned with just earning a living. Though he admits he wasn't a savvy judge of talent, Frank evaluated Roberts as "a showman." He understates, "I came to realize that he had a suspect chin." Indeed! The Hurricane's knockdowns resembled pratfalls. He would do a backward somersault, bounce up on his feet and continue fighting! And he catapulted through the ropes so many times, ringsiders had to beware of shellshock. Soon, Leroy "was getting knocked out by everybody all around the country," as promoter Russell Peltz uncharitably put it.

It was the numbers on the ledger, not those in the record book, that attracted a group of young fighters to Gelb's blossoming stable. Talent was going begging, and in typically upbeat fashion, the manager says he "never had any problems" with would-be rivals.

"There was no one else that really showed the interest in the kids that I did," he stated simply. Gelb was doing what many dream about, but few realize. As he said, "An avocation became a vocation."

But the transition wasn't a walk in the park. "It cost me a lot of money," he claimed. "Because ... I would have to, in the Philadelphia area, guarantee the local promoter that I'd at least purchase the fighter's purse in tickets in order to get him on the show. And in order to get other fights, I traveled to places like Baltimore ... for four- and six-round fights. In those days, a four- or six-round fighter got two or three or four hundred dollars, so you certainly didn't cut his purse as a manager. On top of that, I had to pay the trainer, and ... the transportation down, and ... lose a day or two of work. So it was an investment, it was going to college, and I was paying my tuition."

It's a clever student who learns to rewrite the text.

"Managers really didn't know how to manage their fighters. I just took what I thought was good business acumen ... in the furniture business, and used that same experience in the boxing business. Such as negotiating for better purses, such as building fighters up through publicity and advertising and exposure. To me, it was no different in selling a bedroom suite as it was in selling a fighter. You had to know how to market your product in either industry. I saw that the old-time managers really didn't know how to market their product. They were guys that hung around the gym and just expected their fighters to be able to become something by virtue of what they did in the ring. I realized that it took more than just the boxing ability to make a fighter."

Gelb was confident that hard work and invention would succeed.

"I did a little survey, and I found that all sports are cyclical and this was time for boxing to come around full cycle," he explained.

Perhaps a little larceny didn't hurt, either. He gained not just a grudging respect, but downright amazement from cynical veterans by not only securing good paydays on the road, but wins to boot. Frank's far-flung escapades tended to draw knowing smiles from the fraternity, but he invokes no more than sound business practice.

"Most of the people in boxing just didn't know how to go about to insure themselves of fairness," he advised. "I just made sure that the cards weren't stacked against us. If these promoters wanted to use my fighters because they would become a good attraction ... then they had to accept the terms by which we negotiated."

Such "terms" often included bringing his own officials. When Mike Everett fought Saensak Muangsurin in Thailand for the WBC super lightweight crown, Frank's lawyer served as a judge. It didn't help. Everett was starched, but the experience was still unforgettable. Muangsurin wanted to fight for the "peasant masses" in a huge, makeshift stadium that partially collapsed, causing

some 17 deaths. People sold chickens along the highway to buy tickets.

Mike's brother, Tyrone, fared better in Venezuela, where he came away with a win over top-rated Hugo Barraza in the local bullring. A Norristown friend of Gelb's tipped the split verdict in Ty's favor. Such sleight of hand might have been expected to have him running for his life, but Gelb insists, "I've never had a problem anywhere."

He scarcely admits to anything but the optimistic, yet there was a gathering undercurrent of tragedy which eventually broke him as a manager. Though Jimmy Young lost a controversial decision to Muhammad Ali when he was ruled "down" for sticking his head through the ropes, nothing could have prepared Gelb for what happened later that year.

In one of the most shameful incidents in the sport's history, Tyrone Everett was denied Alfredo Escalera's WBC super featherweight title with a split decision that went beyond the usual incompetence and bias into the realm of street crime. Puerto Rican Ismael Fernandez and Philadelphian Lou Tress voted for Escalera, and left a stunned Spectrum crowd of over 15,000 on the edge of riot. It was a mugging in full view of judge and jury, with the criminals walking out laughing.

Yet Gelb points the finger at no one but himself. It was "a puzzlement, and something that I'll never be able to live down," he said. "It never entered my mind that anything like this could happen. I still wake up in the middle of the night and lose sleep over that. It was the most horrifying, incredible thing, in or out of boxing, that ever happened to me."

Frank can rest easier. Tress never judged again and died not long after.

When Everett, like Roberts, met an untimely death, Gelb began to lose interest in managing.

"I think the Everett fight changed his attitude and how he dealt with people," Peltz remembered. "He was either gonna hardline it, or the hell with it."

A proposed business venture died with Everett and only Matthew Saad Muhammad remained in the Gelb camp. Ironically, he was the most successful. Acquired as a mere add-on to the Mike Everett deal, the lightly regarded sleeper was skillfully guided through a series of crucial bouts, in and out of town, to the WBC light heavyweight title. But just as Saad was cresting, he wanted to leave Gelb for what he thought were greener pastures. A court battle followed. Matthew accused Frank of tricking him into signing "autographs" which were then transposed onto a contract extension. Gelb won the case, but lost control of the fighter. Still, he expressed no bitterness.

"The one who I felt wound up getting screwed was Matthew. The problem was ... not being able to offer my advice ... in what should have been Matthew's investments."

Meanwhile, Gelb was having no problem with his own future. To keep his fighters busy, he'd begun promoting club shows, using his father's license to skirt conflict of interest. He scoured four states for hole-in-the-wall venues, which were often far from lucrative. But the wily Gelb generally managed to cut his losses. In Asbury Park, he headlined his partner for that evening, local journeyman Arthur Kettles, who also had a clothing store. Art got a rare chance to win, but paid for it with his pants. In Wilmington, there was no commission, so the promoter had laissez-faire. Despite some shenanigans, the cards were good.

"I wanted to prove to the fighters that they could fight and hold their own, and earn money," he explained.

One such move put Frank in a league with the guy who invented the hulahoop. He returned boxing to Atlantic City.

Excellent cards were building a tidy following until North Jersey promoter Willie Gilzenberg made like a vulture and swooped in. Gilzenberg promoted the infamous Terrell-Wepner farce in which Terrell won 10 of 12 rounds, only to have the promoter "help" referee Harold Valan add his card ... for Chuck. The stink made it hard for Gelb to breathe, but he sputtered along with an occasional show.

When casino gambling came, Frank was in on the ground floor like Noah! Not that it was all luck. "He had more foresight than anybody else," admitted Peltz.

Gelb immediately journeyed to Las Vegas to study the impact of boxing on the casino industry.

"Boxing was always known as a sportsman's, high-roller, gambler, male-oriented sport," he professed. "That's the same demographics that the casino industry wants to see."

So confident was Gelb that he booked the very first casino card, Howard Davis-Luis Davila, onto national TV before he'd secured the venue. The upstart had to scramble for his life, over the entertainment director's head, on the day of the show.

Gelb covered his risks by courting another fledgling industry: cable TV. While others considered it just another UHF, Frank booked the first fights onto ESPN. Whether he "lost" or "turned over" the network to Bob Arum, depending on whose version you want to believe, the die was nevertheless cast. For years, Gelb held the only license in Atlantic City and when casinos and TV wanted to wed, it was Gelb who performed the nuptials. But he wasn't just there for ceremony. Seeing him lurking mysteriously at virtually every show, regulars tended to wonder out loud, "What does Frank Gelb *do*?"

In truth, it was more like, "What *doesn't* he do?" While the kingpins grabbed headlines and staged great parties, it was Frank who made sure the boxers had rosin in their corner and got the casino's name on camera. And Gelb's business experience and long area residence enabled him to speak the language of casino execs, who weren't always comfortable with boxing's hip-shooting hustlers.

In the "frontier" years, the hotels could be plucked by these adventurers. But once the industry was "shaken out," it was Gelb who was still standing.

"A promoter has to be responsible for putting rears in seats," he stated flatly. "Selling the show to the public, I do that." Gelb can also calculate whether an attraction is worth 10 buses from Paramus or a planeload from Vegas without taking his bosses for the ride.

Rivals give Gelb at least his due as a hard worker who covers his butt. The State's Attorney General's office could have done as much. When a special committee launched a much publicized investigation with the expressed purpose of banning boxing, they tried to go for the jugular. Get the Gelb!

Did they uncover any fixes, doped fighters, strongarm tactics? No, they found Gelb had once run a closed-circuit telecast with money from some unsavory backers. Which puts him in a league with every banker this side of the Reformation. The committee hurled invective, and Frank kept on walking ... and smiling. □

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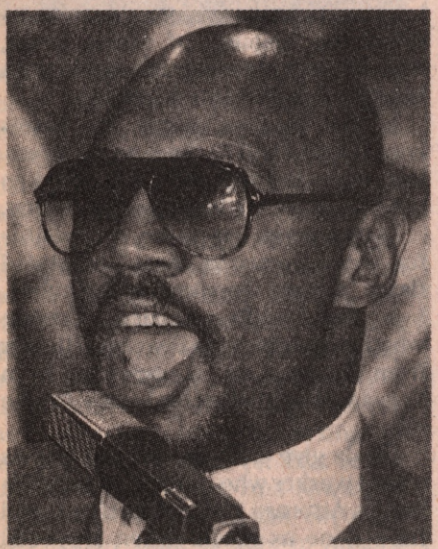
FOR BOB ARUM
Promoter

Q: Which one of the three current middleweight champions—Hearns (WBC), Tate (IBF) and Kalambay (WBA)—do you think is the best?
I.H., BOSTON, MASS.

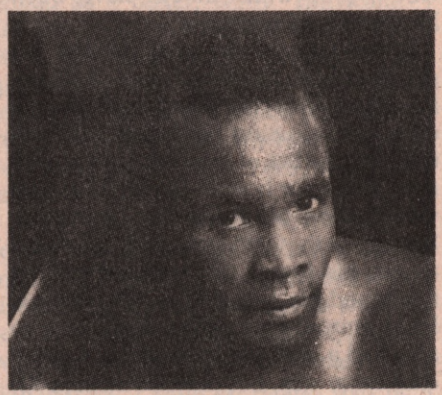
A: To me, there's only one middleweight champion of the world and that's Thomas Hearns. Kalambay, shmalambay. He's a nice guy, but who the hell cares? And Frank Tate would be lucky to beat Michael Nunn.



FOR MARVELOUS MARVIN HAGLER
Former world middleweight champion

Q: Have you been working out since your loss to Leonard?
G.Y., SOUTHFIELD, MI

A: Once or twice a week in the gym. I don't want to get in the gym too much because the next thing you know, you want to fight.



FOR SUGAR RAY LEONARD
Former welter and middleweight champion

Q: There is lots of talk about Tommy Hearns and Marvin Hagler fighting each other again. As you have already beaten both of them, I wonder who you think would win a rematch?
V.Z., NEW YORK CITY

A: I like Hearns to knock Marvin out this time. I'm afraid for Marvin, I really am. His mind is not really right. I don't think Marvin will ever be the same. When he fought the Mugabis and Sibsons, he was the monster. That all disappeared when he lost to me.

FOR MUHAMMAD ALI
The Greatest

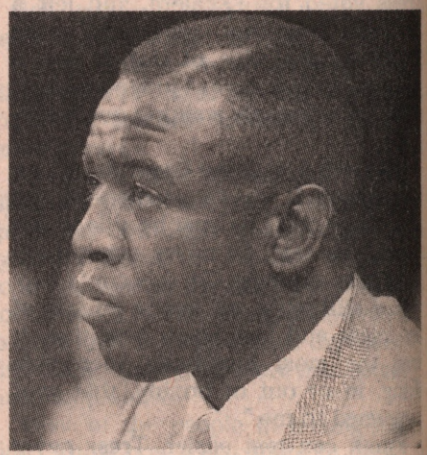
Q: All of your fans are very concerned about your health. Can you give us an update?
M.J.D., INDIANAPOLIS, IN

A: I'm better in the morning than at night. Everybody tells me that. If I take my medication, I'm okay. But I don't like the way it tastes, and I don't like the way it makes me feel afterwards.

FOR IRAN BARKLEY
Middleweight contender

Q: I've followed your career from the start and seen many of your fights at the Felt Forum. Will you carry on now that you have blown your big chance against Kalambay?
A.O., BROOKLYN, NY

A: I'll be back. I got beat by a better fighter, but I gave it my best shot. I'm not ashamed of my showing. I respect the new champion, but I'm proud of the way I fought.



FOR LARRY HAZZARD
New Jersey Boxing Commissioner

Q: I read in the newspaper you want New Jersey to change the old rule which says a boxer doesn't have to beat the count if he is knocked down just before the final bell rings to end the fight. Why change this time-honored tradition? After all, when a fight is over, it's over.
F.A., PLEASANTVILLE, NJ

A: If a fighter has to get up after every other round, he should have to get up after the last bell too.

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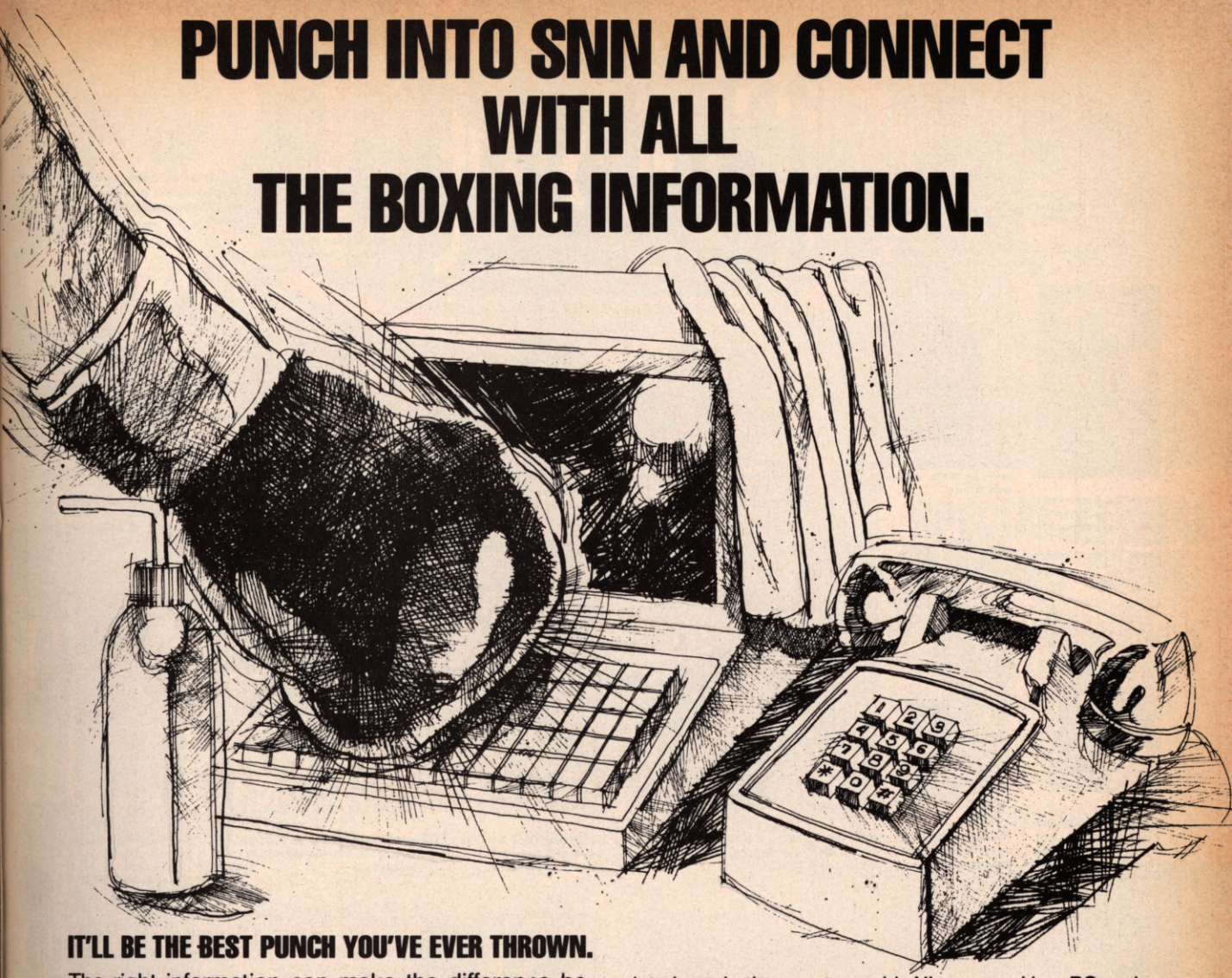

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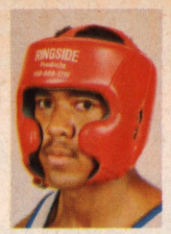

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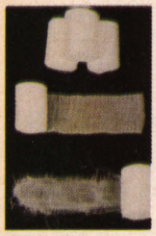

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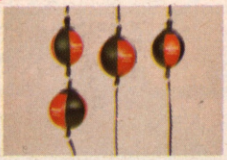

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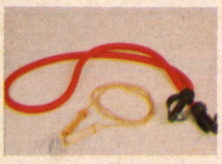

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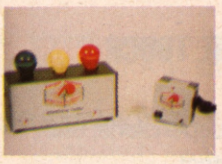

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